

Description

[SECURITY AIRCRAFT FLIGHT SYSTEM]

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

[0001] The present invention is a computerized security system used to maintain the safe operation of aircraft. The computer system connects conventional systems and equipment to tracks aircraft, provide an anti-crash system, and an anti-tampering system. If the flight is interrupted, the anti tampering system further comprises a means to remotely control the aircraft and to detect and avoid buildings and other geographic structures.

[0002] In the wake of the terrorist events occurring in the United States on September 11, 2001, our government, the airlines, other institutions, both nationally and abroad and the traveling public recognize the need for a security system to ensure the safety of air travel. Conventionally, aircraft are tracked by means of radar or other signals emitted from the aircraft to receivers at airports, air traffic control centers and military bases. On September 11, 2001, the signal was tampered with by human interven-

tion, and the planes were lost until the moments of impact with the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the field in Pennsylvania. Therefore, an onboard anti-tamper system is needed to constantly track the position of the aircraft during flight.

- [0003] On September 11, 2001, if the air control centers had been able to take control of the planes remotely, the controllers could have steered the planes away from the Pentagon and Twin Towers and could have avoided the field crash in Pennsylvania.
- [0004] During normal operation, a pilot is charged with setting the controls according to the filed flight plan before departing from the gate. The pilot is bond professionally to maintain the course of the flight plan and only to deviate under the direction of the air traffic controllers. Under usual circumstances, the flight plan is deviated from due to traffic or turbulence. Currently there is not a system to control the plane remote if the captain becomes incapable of piloting the plane. There exist a need for establishing a computer system for remotely piloting the aircraft.
- [0005] There also exist a need for an anti-crash system for aircraft that will prevent crashing into buildings. The aircraft that crashed into the Twin Towers and Pentagon on

September 11, 2001 were not equipped with devices to keep them from crashing into buildings and populated areas. Therefore, a sensor system is needed to prevent airplanes from landing or crashing in highly populated areas or in other defined no crash areas.

[0006] Additionally, the system, as previously, mentioned needs to include tamper proof technology so that the technology cannot be disabled. Although current systems exist to alert the air traffic control systems when a plane's radar system has been disabled, there are currently no systems to disable the plane's systems if the tracking or piloting systems on the plane are tampered with. Therefore, a need has been established for a tamper proof tracking and navigational system for airplanes.

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

[0007] The present invention is a system ensuring safe aircraft operation. The complete system of the present invention is a security aircraft flight equipment which is made up of components that use sealed navigational computer programs with an anti-tamper system.

[0008] The component parts of the present invention consist of an anti-crash system, involving two sub-systems which operate to maintain object distances, such as negative to

negative magnets trying to touch. If the anti-crash system is disabled, the aircraft will not power up for take-off, until all systems are operating. The aircraft to aircraft system is the first of the two sub-systems; it is a fixed system, mounted where a terrorist cannot reach the equipment. The aircraft to building and building to aircraft system is the second of the two systems; buildings that have aircraft monitoring systems send a signal that repels the aircraft from hitting the buildings. If the building device is tampered with, authorities will be contacted with vital information of this event. An early warning device is installed in buildings to signal a potential warning of aircraft invasion – possibly, wired as part of a security alarm.

- [0009] The second component, an auto-controlling and piloting system, receives commands from the anti-crash system, which allows the capability to override, and take over all flight controls of the aircraft by locking out terrorists and/or suicide pilots. These preliminary steps will allow the initiation of the secondary aircraft controller system, if necessary.
- [0010] The third component, is a monitoring device system, which sends and receives video, audio, and critical information from the aircraft's flight support equipment, the runway

monitoring devices, the building and/or structure monitoring devices, all information is automatically transferred to the anti-crash system(s) for analyzation and action.

- [0011] The fourth component, an authorities' security aircraft flight equipment computer, is securely integrated into the combined systems of all security aircraft flight equipment. Located within the airports, and proper authorities, such as the FAA, these on-demand systems will allow for full National Security and air traffic safety.
- [0012] The fifth component, a secondary aircraft controller system, upon security command by FAA or FBI, etc. authorities, giving power for remote control of the distressed aircraft by integrating the SAFE system. For the purpose of allowing safe retrieval of this distressed aircraft.
- [0013] In short, the present invention includes the following to improve flight security from terrorism, or human error, as well as aircraft equipment deviating outside factory tolerances.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

- [0014] Figure 1 shows an overview of the invention comprising various conventional aircraft related safety systems and programs and connectivity and their relation required for the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0015] The present invention is further detailed below, and this detailed description includes an overview outline section, an explanation of the present invention applied to actual scenarios, and lastly a summary of aircraft crashes which is referenced earlier in the Detailed Description.

[0016] *AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS INTERFACE*

[0017] *(SAFE SYSTEM)*

[0018] The Aircraft System Interface will allow the "SAFE" system 10 to act together harmoniously with the primary aircraft, other aircraft, ground control, and designated security authorities. The scenarios noted within are both; real life and predicted. These scenarios were taken into consideration when designing the "SAFE" system 10. The Aircraft Systems Interface 10 will be listed in the following sections: Power Plants & Airframe, Electronics, and Mainframe.

[0019] *POWER PLANTS & AIRFRAME*

[0020] A) Auto Pilot (AP)

[0021] 1) Variable/increased flight adjustment capabilities

[0022] 2) Increase of: thrust/pitch/yaw movements

[0023] B) Collision Avoidance System (CAS)

[0024] 1) Outside input, such as transponder from high buildings, other aircraft, etc..

[0025] 2) Onboard anti-collision radar

[0026] C) Aircraft Mechanical System (AMS)

[0027] 1) Flight controls

[0028] 2) Power plants controls

[0029] D) Aircraft Electrical Systems (AES)

[0030] 1) Power plant generators

[0031] 2) Emergency generator system

[0032] E) Onboard, Air to Air Refueling (AAR)

[0033] 1) Retractable, external refueling probe

[0034] F) Expansion Capabilities

[0035] 1) For future contingencies, both hardware & software

[0036] *AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS INTERFACE*

[0037] (SAFE SYSTEM)

[0038] ELECTRONICS

[0039] A) Aircraft Radio Systems (ARS)

[0040] 1. All communications systems, onboard and beyond air-

craft

- [0041] 2. Both audio visual to remote receivers
- [0042] B) Transponder
- [0043] 1. Sending unit for identification and location
- [0044] C) Sensors
- [0045] 1. Instrumentation for monitoring engine characteristics
- [0046] 2. Instrumentation for monitoring airframe characteristics
- [0047] D) Onboard Recording System (ORS)
- [0048] 1. Collecting all voice & Video input, onboard
- [0049] E) Black Box
- [0050] 1. Flight Data Collection
- [0051] F) Navigational Systems (NS)
- [0052] G) Topographical Analysis System (TAS)
- [0053] 1. Feeds topographical data into the navigational system
- [0054] *Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE)*
- [0055] 1. Anti-Crash System (ACS)
- [0056] a. aircraft to aircraft

- [0057] b. aircraft to building, building to aircraft
- [0058] 2. Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS)
- [0059] 3. Monitoring Device System (MDS)
- [0060] a. aircraft
- [0061] b. runway
- [0062] c. structure(s)
- [0063] 4. Authorities' Security Aircraft Flight Equipment System (ASAFES)
- [0064] 5. Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS)
- [0065] *AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS INTERFACE (SAFE SYSTEM) MAIN FRAME*
- [0066] The "Main Frame" component will have at least three areas of data collection and command outputs, along with room for expansion in the hardware and software. The "Main Frame" may be included into the Aircraft Systems through one or more file servers; that interface with all onboard systems (Aircraft Systems Interface).
- [0067] A) Anti-Crash System
- [0068] 1. Aircraft System Interface
- [0069] 2. Auto Control and Piloting System

[0070] a) Enhancement module

[0071] B) Security Interface

[0072] 1. Authorities Security Aircraft Flight Equipment Program

[0073] 2. Thumb Print Reader

[0074] 3. Security Code Key Pad

[0075] 4. Pilot Security Key

[0076] 5. Monitoring Device System (MDS), multiple sources, (i.e.. audiovisual)

[0077] 6. Any additional Security devices or systems to be included at a future time

[0078] C) Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS)

[0079] 1. Allows two ACS to interface, i.e.. aircraft to aircraft remote flight capabilities

[0080] *Security Aircraft Flight Equipment and Technologies Aircraft: Anti-Crash System (ACS), Monitoring Device Systems (MDS), Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS)Software Programs, Solid-State Computer, technologies, such as, PROM, ROM and etc. Modem, Monitor, Keypad, Thumb Scan, Print Port Dongle, Pilot's personalized flight keys, Transponders, Global Phone, Sensors, Cameras, Lighted Alarm Buttons, Flash Card reader and writer unit (for mapping to back*

track), Microphone, Speakers

- [0081] *Structure: (Building, Bridges, Monuments, etc.) Anti-Crash System (ACS) Monitoring Device Systems (MDS)*
- [0082] Software Programs, Solid-State Computer, technologies, such as, PROM, ROM and etc.
- [0083] Modem, Monitor, Print Port Dongle, Transponders, Global Phone, Sensors, Cameras, Optional: Warning Horn
- [0084] *Airports: Anti-Crash System (ACS)Monitoring Device System (MDS) Computer Runway Monitors: Transponders Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS)*
- [0085] *Anti-Crash System (ACS)Monitoring Device Systems (MDS) Software Programs.*
- [0086] Solid-State High End Computer, technologies, such as, PROM, ROM and etc.
- [0087] Virtual Reality Ability and equipment, Modem, Monitor, Control Panel, Keypad, Thumb Scan, Print Port Dongle, Pilot's personalized flight keys, Transponders, Global Phone, Sensors, Microphone, Speakers
- [0088] *Authorities Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) Computer Monitoring Device Systems (MDS)Software Programs. (with ON DEMAND Command Device) also, with Networked Rights, Solid-State Computer, technologies, such as, PROM, ROM and etc.*

- [0089] **Modem, Monitor, Keypad, Thumb Scan, Print Port Dongle, Proprietary Personalized Key, Transponders, Global Phone, Microphone Speakers, All Units are supplied with an independent power backup if one is not already provided.**
- [0090] ***Service Technicians:* Service Technician dongle/key, programmed with a master license only service not flight.**
- [0091] ***Security Aircraft Flight Equipment System*** Each Aircraft comes with an optional backup Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 in place. This system has the same capabilities as the master system. While in idle its only function is to collect information. Due to any given malfunction the backup (SAFE) System 10 would automatically activate. It would immediately advise appropriate personnel of a problem with the master (SAFE) System 10.
- [0092] ***Anti-Crash System (ACS)*** This system is active at all times; the functions are collecting, analyzing and processing data, as well as allocating and dispersing assigned duties to other portions or units of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system. The only time the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 would be in a shut down mode is for servicing. [Refer to the Service Technician section.] The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 is the component that utilizes the perimeters set by manufacturers, navigational techni-

cians, authorities, crews etc. for the aircraft to follow. It is receiving data from onboard control systems and any other sensors (displays, gauges, selectors, indicators, and other apparatus, etc.). Sensors 160 can be added for the indication of excessive vibration and connected through the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10. The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 identifies any fluctuation that is outside the manufacturer tolerances and safety specifications. By the emitting and receiving of signals the aircraft will identify the presence of other Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 and Monitoring Device System (MSD) 30 apparatuses. This allows the aircraft to veer from solid objects, such as other planes, buildings, bridges, monuments. Due to the settings of perimeters within the mapping program for designated 'no fly zone areas', an aircraft will not be able to fly into a protected environment. These areas are set for national security and flight safety.

- [0093] The peripherals are external devices connected to the computer, (such as conventional keypad and thumb print scanners). For the security of the aircraft concealed conventional dongle keys are used for the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment System (SAFE) 10 licensee only. A second conventional dongle or chip key is necessary for the oper-

ation to initialize the aircraft for flight by the pilot. This is called a pilot's personalized flight key. This key will only be licensed and registered to the pilot, with thumb print identification programmed into the chip.

[0094] The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 copies all necessary information of the flight plan to a flash card. In the event of an equipment malfunction caused by atmospheric disturbances, the aircraft has the ability to backtrack. The backtrack system is used by the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 and the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. These systems have usage of the backtrack card independently. Upon receiving a transmission from another aircraft, through the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60, the Anti- Crash System (ACS) 20 will recognize and work simultaneously with an external Anti Crash System (ACS) 20 (i.e. chase aircraft). The Anti -Crash (ACS) 20 will make the corrections, overrides manual piloting, safe flight, landing, and liftoff. The crew can opt to use this system at their discretion.

[0095] Each portion of the SAFE(10) system receives the demands from the Anti-Crash (ACS) 20, telling it what its job is. The ACS 20 has the capability to override or lock out the manual controls and/or existing Auto Pilot (AP) 80. The ACS

20 interfacing with Auto Pilot (AP) 80 can recalibrate the aircraft for total computer jurisdiction. The computer part of the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 would have override capabilities such as, landing gear. The Anti Crash System (ACS) 20 will allow the Auto Pilot (AP) 60 to take over control of the aircraft's flight systems for maneuverability.

- [0096] The Auto-Crash System (ACS) 20 will be linked to all the controls for override: (1) to force a terrorist/pilot to relinquish command, (2) for the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 to override the aircraft, by acting harmoniously with the rest of the systems in the SAFE 10 system. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #ALL especially 1, 25
- [0097] *Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS)* The Auto Controlling and Piloting System 40 makes corrections, overrides manual piloting, for safe flight/landing/lift off because the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 regulates it necessary. The pilot also can opt to use this provision. The ACPS 40 is a device module that enhances the existing Auto Pilot 80. It is also controlled by the Anti-Crash System 20.
- [0098] This portion of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 receives the demands from the Anti-

Crash System (ACS) 20 telling it what its job is. This system has the power to override or lock out the manual controls and/or existing Auto Pilot (AP) 80, re-calibrating the aircraft for total computer jurisdiction. The computer part of the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 would have the control over the landing gear. This is allowing for the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 to take over control of the aircraft's flight systems, (landing gear, flaps, etc.) The Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will be linked to all the controls for override protection: (1) to force a terrorist/pilot to relinquish command, (2) for the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 to override the aircraft, by acting harmoniously with the rest of the units in the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 System. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #3, 5, 12-15, especially 21, 28, 39

[0099] *Monitoring Device System (MDS)* The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 has the programming with commands of On Demand 230 live video and audio, the video and audio devices are not constantly recording. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 includes peripherals to be activated in three ways: (1) automatically by the Anti-Crash System

(ACS) 20, (2) manually by alarm devices and sensors 160, and (3) by appropriate authorities.

[0100] *Aircraft* The On Demand Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 consists of cameras, audio speakers and receivers, phone, alarm devices and sensors. The aircraft is setup with several manual alarm devices in the fuselage and cockpit. The peripheral adapters for an aircraft Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 work both ways in transmitting and receiving signals/data. First, the unit sends the vital information that the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 collected from the aircraft's flight support equipment. This includes registration information, longitude, latitude, altitude, compass heading, etc. Secondly, it retrieves data from the Structure Monitoring Unit and the Runway Monitoring Devices. And thirdly, it sends and retrieves data from the Authorities Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 Computer.

[0101] The vital information accumulated by the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 is automatically transferred to the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 for analyzation. The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 will then systematically activate the appropriate systems. to take the necessary action to resolve the issue. The conventional Airport Runway Moni-

toring Devices, send signals to the ACS 20 , allowing the ACS 20 to compensate the aircraft for all corrections necessary for a safe landing/take off. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #ALL especially 3, 26, 44

[0102] *Airport Runway Monitoring Devices* These devices send signals through the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 to the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20. Allowing the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 to compensate the aircraft for all corrections necessary, in order for it to make an accurate approach/ landing and/or takeoff. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #3, 6, 7

[0103] *Authorities' Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (ASAFES) Computer* This computer system is developed for ground authorities such as FAA, Air Traffic Control, Airline company, FBI, etc., to help with National Security and air traffic flight safety. At any given time the appropriate authorities would have On Demand Live Video and audio, both for transmitting and receiving signals, even if there is no apparent problem. The computer will receive and display all data (from multiple airplanes) at any given time. From this system the proper authorities will be able to activate any particular aircraft's Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30, to collect the data and view activity on the aircraft. It also gives

more support in verbal contact with the pilot. Navigational data is received and sent for approval.

- [0104] Note: Potentials, through the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system working with GPS and possible radar will allow airlines to monitor the location of their aircraft at all times (tracking device) Note: each authority's computer will be designed for each specific function. This is existing computer technology. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #3,4,5,9,46
- [0105] *Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS)* The Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 equipment is energized by a specialized licensed key. After the implementation of the key, three codes are necessary from three separate organizations to active the (SACS) 60. Upon arriving to the distressed aircraft the (SACS) 60 emits codes to the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10, thereby identifying each other. After transmission is complete and approval has been documented, the (SACS) 60 may take possession and control the aircraft, through computer technology.
- [0106] The Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 is a computer with peripheral attachments: simulator control panel, display monitor and cameras aboard a separate air-

plane within visual distance.

[0107] Note: The Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 pilot has vision and the controls comparable to Virtual Reality piloting, he is sitting and controlling the distressed aircraft. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #9,12,13,34

[0108] *Secondary Aircraft Fuel Tanker* The Anti-Crash System 20 detects low fuel and it sends the Monitoring Device 30 a message to contact the proper authorities about the problem. At that time the authorities can send up the Secondary Aircraft Fuel Tanker 60 to provide the necessary fuel or assistance. Once they have gotten within a designated range, the two aircrafts" Anti-Crash Systems 20 and Monitoring Device Systems 30 work together and maneuver together to complete the refueling process and whatever task the Secondary Aircraft Fuel Tanker 60 were sent up to perform. Also as the Secondary Aircraft Fuel Tanker 60 approaches a distressed aircraft, due to a special license the two Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 identify and link together. This holds each aircraft at bay for precise tracking. This totally eliminates pilot error during refueling that is necessary in emergency operation and it enhances accuracy during the refueling process. Refer to

Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #24

- [0109] *The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE)* Only two systems are required for the structure to be completely protected by the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10; the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20, and the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. A power backup unit will be provided if not already existing within the structure.
- [0110] *Anti-Crash System (ACS) Ground Structures* This Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 prevents aircraft for crashing into ground structures such as buildings, bridges, and monuments. The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 beacons emit two independent perimeter signals. As being the brains of any operation it allocates duties to the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #39, 41, 42
- [0111] *Monitoring Devices System (MDS) Ground Structures* The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 20 in a building is a computer with peripherals. The cameras, motion detectors/sensors are the peripherals connected to the computer. These are only for the security of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System. The telephone connections and warning alarms are to help in the safety of the community. It would be optional to connect to any existing security

systems, if desired. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #39, 41, 42

- [0112] *Registration:* ownership, registration number, year, make, model, series, body type, Vin number, etc... Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #31, 47
- [0113] *Service Technicians* The Service Technicians" dongle/key is individually coded, that gives proprietary authorization for repairs and installation of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment System (SAFE) 10. This will not commission the service technician the rights for aircraft flight status. Due to the need for high security, this would only allow a secured service technician to install any and all software perimeters and licenses, on all Security Aircraft Flight Equipment System (SAFE) 10 equipment. Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #48
- [0114] *Presidential Override* This is a code that overrides everything EXCEPT the Anti-Crash System (ACS). Refer to Equipment Usage and Synopses Scenarios #2, 34
- [0115]
- [0116] *Equipment Usage In Synopses Scenarios* The following synopses scenarios explain how the present invention interfaces with existing conventional aircraft systems to optimize the safe operation of aircraft. In each scenario presented be-

low, a problem has occurred with an aircraft. The present invention in conjunction with conventional aircraft components are explained as to how the situation can be avoided in the future utilizing the present invention.

[0117] 1) *SOMEONE TAMPERS WITH THE AIRCRAFT OPERATING SYSTEM WHILE ON THE GROUND* If someone has tampered with any part of the operating system or there is a malfunction in the operating system, then the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 will trigger a shutdown not allowing the turbines and/or the engines to function. This cannot be overridden by resetting the equipment. The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system works in conjunction with the onboard diagnostic process. In an event that a signal is sent notifying of a problem, it will disable the aircraft for flight. This will notify all necessary ground authorities of the situation through the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. The data sent will include the time and location of the problem in the administrative device management program. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 12, 13, 20, 26, 27, 28, 31, 34, 36, 40, 42, 46, 52, 66, 69, 70, 73, 74, 76, 78

[0118] 2) *A PASSENGER ENTERS INTO THE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DECK (COCKPIT) WHILE THE PLANE IS STILL ON THE GROUND* In the

event of an unauthorized person entering into the flight deck (cockpit) while on the ground, The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 will be activated automatically by the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20. This system will send pictures and data to designated parties. Now the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would put the aircraft in a standby mode. In order to release the aircraft for flight, a multiple code by several independently located specified individuals must be entered. An example is using the pilot, airline security, FAA, FBI etc.; using as many codes as desired.

[0119] 3) *AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS (ATC)/PILOT'S SITUATIONS*

(crashes and close calls) Here are some actual scenarios causing near misses or crashes, due to (ATC)/Pilot's error.

[0120] *ATC:*

[0121] 1. Dispatched inadvertently for takeoff /landing on a runway that was closed or down for repair.

[0122] 2. Directed in and out bound aircraft onto the same runway.

[0123] 3. Directs multiple planes the same vectors causing a mid-air crash.

[0124] 4. Aircraft impacted terrain after being given an improper vector by ATC.

[0125] 5. Authorized flight to descend below altitude causing

mishaps.

[0126] *Pilot's:*

[0127] 1.Ignoring ATC instructions.

[0128] 2.Ignoring warning signals and devices

[0129] 3.Misinterpreted communication between (ATC and pilot).

[0130] 4.Over corrections and inability to act quick enough

[0131] 5.They neglect to post a warning when they find dangerous mechanical problems.

[0132] Note: The Federal Aviation of Administration, National Transportation Safety Board. States, "Pilots are blamed in 37% of all serious airline accidents, well other person, such as a mechanic or controller, is blamed in 39%". A description of more than 46,000 aviation accidents is located at www.ntsb.gov More detailed lists are located at www.airdisaster.com and www.crashdatabase.com. The authorities' Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 in the Control Tower also has two additional programs, an airport mapping configuration, and a ground plotting program. The runway Monitoring Devices (MDS) 30 are also connected to that (SAFE) 10 system. Airports utilizing these two programs, coupled with the complex

marriage in the (SAFE) 10 systems now will virtually eradicate the current close calls and crashes caused by human error in departure and arrival as well as in taxiing procedures. The capabilities of the program will now allow the Air Traffic Control Tower personnel (ATC) to input the data for a specific taxi course that the Captain must follow. It also allows them to monitor all ground movement of aircraft.

- [0133] A direct link to any specific plane is made by the (SAFE) system 10, collecting pertinent data about the aircraft. The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 on the aircraft, as in flight, will identify each aircraft's location, and not allow aircraft to collide while on the ground during a taxi procedure. Also, it will not allow for two aircraft to enter the same runway on a departure and arrival situation, or enter each other's airspace.
- [0134] Note: At the time of a mechanical malfunction the proper authorities will be notified through the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 23, 32, 34, 35, 37, 44, 48, 52, 53, 54, 55, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 71, 81, 82, 84
- [0135] 4) *THE WRONG LAT./LONG. IS PLOTTED AND THE AIRCRAFT IS SET TO CRASH INTO A MOUNTAIN (course is plotted while still*

grounded) Let's say, a course is plotted and this course has an error in it, or a hijacker, or suicidal pilot attempts a crash course. FIRST, the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 recognizes the data sent from the plotting equipment. If this would result in a collision, a warning alarm will sound. SECOND, The Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 will not allow the aircraft to power up, until corrections are made in the plotted course. In this scenario, the Monitoring Device apparatus (MDS) 30 will upon any of the above attempts, automatically alert ground authorities, FAA, etc. This will help to ensure greater success in the air traffic safety efforts. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 3, 11, 30, 33, 48, 68, 71

[0136] 5) *AN INCORRECT COURSE IS PLOTTED IN THE AIR AND THE AIRCRAFT IS SET TO CRASH INTO A MOUNTAIN* Let's say, a course is plotted and this course has an error in it, or a hijacker, or suicidal pilot attempts a crash course. FIRST, the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 recognizes the data sent from the plotting equipment. If this would result in a collision, a warning alarm will sound. SECOND, The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will not allow the aircraft to deviate from the plotted course, until corrections are made in the plotted course. In this sce-

nario, the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 20 will upon any of the above attempts, automatically alert ground authorities, FAA, etc. This will help to ensure greater success in the air traffic safety efforts. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 3, 11, 30, 33, 48, 68, 71

[0137] 6) *A PILOT TRIES TO CRASH THE AIRCRAFT DURING LIFTOFF OR UPON LANDING* This scenario brings to mind the act of pilot suicides or terrorist(s). The first thoughts are for the safety of the passengers and crewmembers; also saving the airplane.

[0138] Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 components installed at the end of each airfield runways transmits signals for the use of lift off attempts and approach landings. To give you more detail of this event, data is sent from the monitoring devices on the runway to the computer in the plane, telling the exact angle in degrees for line up, giving the exact length from the beginning to the end of the runway, so that the aircraft would not over shoot the runway. Also information of the altitude of the aircraft from the runway, so that the aircraft would not crash. The systems being linked will allow the data in the registration (SAFE 10 registration, see below) from any particular plane to be utilized. These systems work as one unit in sharing

of data. Such data would be air speed, RPM and how much distance the aircraft needs for takeoff or land, etc.

- [0139] NOTE: In the process of liftoff; If a pilot does not reach the speed necessary to liftoff safely, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would do one of two things.
- [0140] 1: It would abort the liftoff by engaging the Auto Controlling and Piloting (ACPS) 40 portion of the system. This system would reverse the thrust and apply the brakes, bringing the plane to a safe stop. As this would occur, the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 on the aircraft will make connection with specified authorities on the ground.
- [0141] 2: The aircraft data base check "*all is a go*" but the pilot did not power up enough. The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would, before reaching the point of no return, engage the Auto Controlling and Piloting (ACPS) 40 portion of the system. It would power up and initiate liftoff, notifying the ground authorities that there is a problem, so that the pilot can be contacted.
- [0142] NOTE: In the process of landing; If the pilot "*comes in too short*", the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will receive data sent from the runway Monitoring Devices (MDS)30 located on a specified runway. The data sent tells the position of the aircraft in conjunction with the runway; angle in de-

grees, the altitude, air speed, distance of landing, etc. If the pilot does not fix his course to the proper approach, The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS)20 will implement the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40, to make necessary corrections.

[0143] NOTE: Upon landing; The pilot misjudges the runway and "comes in to long" (over shoots the runway). As we talked above, there is data sent from the runway Monitors Devices (MDS) 30 to the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20, this will inform the pilot of an error in his approach. If the pilot does not correct the error, then the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will come into action. The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 will gage the situation, abort the landing, and power up the aircraft. The Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will go into a holding pattern.

[0144] NOTE: The pilot is on the wrong approach; His compass bearing doesn't line up with the runway. In this case the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will activate the Auto Controlling and Piloting (ACPS) 40 portion of the system, power up, and enter into a holding pattern.

[0145] NOTE: In the event that the aircraft is coming in out of improper plane (not level). The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20

will read the data coming from the onboard deck equipment. Upon making connection with the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40, the aircraft will make adjustment to compensate the aircraft to a level position.

This adjustment would only be used in a landing procedure. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 18, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 48, 51, 65, 67, 72, 84

[0146] 7) *WHAT STOPS THE AIRCRAFT FROM CRASHING INTO THE AIRPORT BUILDINGS, TERMINALS, HANGERS, CONTROL TOWERS UPON LIFTOFF OR LANDING? (Example: of a possible suicide pilot or terrorist)* Before the aircraft reaches the point of collision with any building(s) at an airport, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would power down the aircraft, thereby softening the collision or stopping it altogether. In the event that the aircraft has already taxied out onto the runway or an aircraft has landed onto the runway, the runway Monitoring Devices (MDS) 30 are in contact with the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20; these systems would not allow the aircraft to waiver off course from the runway. The Auto Controlling and Piloting (ACPS) 40 portion is activated through the same connection, as well as receiving information about the engines RPM. If the aircraft RPM are running too

high for a safe landing, it will void the landing. If the aircraft RPM are running to low for takeoff, then it will abort takeoff or increase the thrust for takeoff. The aircraft will be forced to go into a holding pattern. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 18, 46

[0147] 8) *A BOMB OR A BOMBER IS ON THE PLANE* In the event of a situation involving a bomb or bomber the aircraft has been fitted with silent alarm devices. These devices are located in several places throughout the fuselage area. This gives security to the flight attendants and pilots with the ease of accessibility to the alarm equipment. Once a silent alarm device has been triggered it automatically locks in the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 portion of the system, alerting those in the flight deck (cockpit) and the appropriate authorities. The information transmitted advises them of a serious situation that is occurring on the aircraft. This will allow the flight attendants' hands to be free so they can assist other members in dealing with the situation. (Example; shoe bomber.) Reference: Actual Crash Document # 16

[0148] 9) *A HIJACKER, TERRORIST AND/OR UNAUTHORIZED PERSON GETS INTO THE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT DECK (COCKPIT) WHILE IN FLIGHT* In the event of an entry into the aircraft flight deck

(cockpit), again the monitoring cameras would send pictures and data through the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 to the designated parties. This will allow the FBI and/or FAA to determine the severity of the existing situation, as well as, give them insight of how to respond. Their responses could include everything from ignoring the situation, allowing the pilot to handle the situation, or to take control of the aircraft. In the event that they would deem it necessary to implement one of the other parts of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system, they would need to use; three individual parties, set up at independent locations to enter their separate codes. This enables them access to the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 and/or the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60.

[0149] Note: When necessary, the proper authorities will implement the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. This system allows a security type aircraft that is within visual distance to take total control. They will pilot and land the aircraft that is in distress, only within set perimeters. This could include taking the aircraft to a designated area; i.e., a landing site that is less populated. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 21, 22, 23, 47

[0150] **10) AN INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED INTO THE FLIGHT DECK (COCKPIT) AREA, FOR WHATEVER REASON. THIS PERSON IS A HI-JACKER OR TERRORIST AND THREATENS THE CAPTAIN** The Captain or employees in the flight deck (cockpit) will be able to set off a silent alarm. This device would start the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 and activate the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. The proper authorities will already be apprised of the situation, as it unfolds, (not after the fact), due to the implementation of these systems sending pertinent information. Simultaneously, when the silent alarm is set off lights will turn on in the fuselage, notifying all flight attendants of a possible situation.

[0151] At any time, the airline company/FAA/FBI or other designated authorities, in a united organized manner might consider it imperative to utilize any portion of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10. The power is given to them to engage the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. This is done by the use of three parties, individual codes. The Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60, is also implemented with three party, individual codes. More is discussed about the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) later on. The Anti-Crash Systems

(ACS) 20 is always in operation; this portion of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system cannot be overridden by anyone. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 22, 47

[0152] *11) THE CAPTAIN IS DEAD AND TERRORIST(S) FORCES THE COPILOT IN POSITION TO PILOT THE AIRCRAFT* It is important to get the proper authorities involved as soon as possible by using a silent alarm device. This again allows an airline company, FAA and/or other groups to be aware of the terror occurring on the aircraft. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 keeps them informed to the extent of how far the terrorist(s) have gone; it is done by sending both video and audio data. This data enables the authorities on the ground to take proper and necessary action to get control of the situation. This will commission them to exercise other portions of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10, such as Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 even if the flight deck (cockpit) alarm device has been activated. It would be up to the proper authorities to elect this action if desired. Their options include not only utilizing the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40, and also, the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. This portion of the Security

Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 is mentioned in scenario number eleven. I would like to emphasize that the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 is always operating to hold the aircraft on a plotted flight plan.

[0153] Note: (Within the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 perimeters, as an aircraft reaches the perimeter edge, the system itself initiates and locks in the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. By the two of these systems working hand and hand together, it will not allow a terrorist to deviate from the plotted flight plan. When approaching a designated landing field, the aircraft will merely go into a holding pattern.

[0154] Note: In this instance authorities opted not to take control of an aircraft, during the plotted flight. For some reason they had decided to wait until the aircraft's Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 brought the aircraft to its destination. At reaching the destination the aircraft has gone into a holding pattern, at this time authorities have determined to implement the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. To do this the three party securities code was necessary by the separate corp. entities allowing for the remote piloting to take possession and to safely land the aircraft or redirect to a different landing strip.

[0155] 12) *ALL PILOTS ARE DEAD DUE TO ANY REASON* Without a Pilot the aircraft will deviate from its set course and when this occurs, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 automatically engages the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 and the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. This system brings the aircraft back onto the formatted course, which allows the ground authorities to implement the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. This is done with high security, multiple individual codes, operating from several independent locations. The reason for the high-security initiation of these codes is to regain control of the aircraft, allowing operation of remote piloting. In order for the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 to work, a security aircraft must be within visual distance to take control of the aircraft. This allows them to land the aircraft in a safe controlled environment or to continue on to the designated flight plan. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 49

[0156] 13) *AN INDIVIDUAL TRIES TO TAKE THE AIRCRAFT OFF COURSE* The aircraft has a plotted course; this means the setting of the perimeters for the longitude, latitude, and altitude are already set. When an aircraft begins to leave this plotted flight plan, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will simulta-

neously engage the Monitoring Device apparatus (MDS) 30 and the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. At this time, the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 will notify the airline company and also other necessary entities. With the activation of the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 the aircraft is brought back on course. It will hold this course until it reaches it's destination. At the end of the established course the aircraft goes into a holding pattern. This is buying time for the FAA and/or set departments to employ the necessary actions to activate the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. This is begun by the input of a three party code from security individuals, all from independent locations.

Again, by use of these security codes, the aircraft and passengers remain safe while control is allocated to the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 to pilot by remote operation. The decision must then be made to continue on with the planned course or re-plot a new course. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 21, 38, 39, 47

[0157] 14) *WHAT STOPS A PILOT OR A TERRORIST FROM PLOTTING A NEW COURSE?* The aircraft will not acknowledge any plot changes without approval. In order to change course three

codes are needed from separate entities in various locations. If these codes are not entered the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will not comply and process the changes. If there is any tampering with or after three attempts of entry, the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will immediately take over the piloting functions of the aircraft. It will hold the assigned course until it reaches the destination and then it will go into a holding flight pattern. The aircraft will remain in this pattern until the three party code is entered, or the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 is put into activation. Either of these being employed will then allow the aircraft to be retrieved. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 8, 9, 79

[0158] 15) *A PERSON TRIES TO CRASH THE AIRCRAFT INTO THE GROUND WHILE AIRBORNE* If any person(s) tries to crash the aircraft into the ground, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will not allow the aircraft to go below a set altitude. At that time the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 and the Auto Controlling Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will automatically engage to take control of the aircraft. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 will again send notification to the appropriate authorities, giving them time to assess the

situation and make the proper decision for the safety of all individuals. The Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 that was employed simultaneously with the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 will bring the aircraft back onto the original flight plan. At this time if necessary, the FAA and/or other agencies can implement the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60, assigning remote piloting of the aircraft to a secondary craft, this aircraft is put in place at close proximity. In order to disengage the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40, it is necessary to use the high security multiple codes. This will allow FAA/Authorities, (if desired), to avert the aircraft to land in a more remote area. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 13, 14, 15, 38, 47, 60, 61, 80

[0159] *16) A PERSON TRIES TO CRASH AN AIRPLANE INTO ANOTHER AIRPLANE* Since the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 is continuously active, it will identify that there is another aircraft coming into its airspace. At this time the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will activate the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 to elude the other aircraft that is on a collision course. After the incident has passed the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will bring the aircraft back onto the assigned course. The Monitoring

Device System (MDS) 30 is also activated concurrently with the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. The Monitoring Device (MDS) 30 will transmit data of the aircraft's longitude, latitude and altitude (this is for tracking purposes). This device is also transmitting video and audio data to the appropriate authorities on the ground.

This transmission is an automatic response by the activation of the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 39, 50, 62, 63, 64

[0160] 17) *SOMEONE TAMPERS WITH THE EXISTING ONBOARD SYSTEM WHILE IN THE AIR (Not the SAFE System)* The system is linked into the controller devices BEFORE they reach the control panel. (*The only part of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 that is accessible by a person while in flight is the keypad and thumb scan device, alarm devices and cameras.*) The control panel sends signals to the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system which reads the circuit loop. In the event that the wires are cut or tampered with at the control panel, the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system identifies a break in the circuit and it will immediately activate the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 and the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. The Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will

put the craft on autopilot, and hold the set course. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 allows the proper authorities to be apprised of the situation. This will notify them of which portion of the aircraft control system has been tampered with, or what has developed a malfunction. It is up to the authorities to decide what to do. They can give control back to the pilot if they wish, or to take control themselves through implementing the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. Refer to the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 information.

[0161] NOTE: If desired a reader screen maybe installed within the flight deck (cockpit) area. This will receive the information identifying the equipment malfunction. With this screen it allows the pilot to know where the problem has occurred and to possibly correct the problem. With the grounds personnel having full knowledge of the situation they can offer necessary assistance by walking a person through temporary repair of the component. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 14, 38, 71

[0162] *18) WHAT STOPS SOMEONE FROM ATTEMPTING TO SHUT DOWN THE ENGINES WHILE IN THE AIR?* The existing system would have to be wired through the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10, which would not allow any

type of shut down while the aircraft RPM are above an idle. Upon any attempt of tampering, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will engage the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 and lock out any other efforts to shut down the aircraft. In the event of an emergency while in flight, such as the need to shut down a motor, the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system would already identify this emergency and make an allowance.

[0163] Note: Identification is made through the existing safety equipment that is already operational on the aircraft or the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 can institute the necessary sensors if desired by aircraft purchaser.

[0164] 19) *WHAT HAPPENS IF THE PILOT GETS DISORIENTED? – (i.e., spatial disorientation)* In this particular case, the pilot becomes disoriented for whatever reason. The aircraft deviates from the assigned course. The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 identifies that there is a problem, immediately operating the Auto Controlling and Piloting System 40 (ACPS) to maneuver the aircraft back to the appropriate course. At the same time the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 immediately participates and sends data to the appropriate authorities. Automatically, the authorities will have access

to audio and video information, plus the data will include the aircraft location and vitals (such as longitude, latitude, altitude, engine conditions, fuel level, etc.) This will assist the authorities to make an educated determination as to what their options are. If the authorities deem it necessary they can make arrangements to engage in the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. Once this system has been implemented the authorities may re-plot a course to safely bring the aircraft to a less populated airstrip. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 56, 70

[0165] 20) *THE PILOT IS LOST DUE TO STORM, ETC. (Bermuda triangle)*

The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 would record the path that the aircraft had traveled. The tracking system would hold all essential information, such as altitude, longitude, latitude, airspeed, etc. This would allow for the airplane to back track to a location where the pilot would be able to identify and resume control of the aircraft. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 19

[0166] 21) *WHAT HAPPENS DURING SEVERE ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES?*

If the turbulence becomes beyond human capabilities to maneuver in, and the pilot is unable to keep the aircraft within the set perimeters, the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 will commence and bring

the craft back on course. The pilot also has the option to engage the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 at any time.

[0167] NOTE: If the proper sensors are put in place the system could also identify excessive vibrations in areas that in the past have caused airplane crashes (engine areas, wing, tail, stabilizers, etc.) Reference: Actual Crash Document # 19, 20

[0168] 22) *THE WEATHER IS SO SEVERE THE PILOT CANNOT MANEUVER THE AIRCRAFT* Upon the aircraft leaving the programmed flight pattern, automatically the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 will alert the authorities on the ground that the aircraft or pilot maybe having difficulties. The information transmitted would be video and audio, as well as, other data to determine the cause of why the aircraft is having problems staying within the designated pattern. The data sent is also the location of the aircraft, and the identification of the aircraft registration. Simultaneously, the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 and the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 are activated by the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20. This system will enhance the maneuverability beyond human capability of the aircraft, this is due to the computer having quicker reaction time to

changes in conditions surrounding the aircraft. This eradicates the documented 95% of human error involving airplane crashes. The Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 already has a pre-plotted course to fine tune the direction of the aircraft, keeping this plane on this course. These systems continue monitoring, adjusting course, and notifying ground control individuals. Once the aircraft is out of the severe weather situation, the company's pilot can activate his personal code and thumb scan to resume piloting the aircraft again. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 10, 18, 45, 70, 72

[0169] 23) A *HIJACKER TRIES TO CRASH AN AIRPLANE BY RUNNING IT OUT OF FUEL* The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will analyze the functions of the aircraft. If any of the control panel devices get outside of the minimum standards set by the manufacturer, the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 will alert pilots and also automatically notify authorities and/or individuals in charge. This will allow the ground authorities to identify a potential situation such as low fuel levels, low fuel line pressures, low oil pressures, any abnormalities of existing onboard systems. With the connection between the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 and the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 both pilot(s) and au-

thorities can make all the calculations necessary to determine the best action necessary for the safety of the passengers and crew members. They might determine to bring the aircraft to a closer airfield. They also have the choice of using the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 by entering the multiple-code process. This portion of the system gives them control of the aircraft. For the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 to function the operators would still be required to initiate an alternative course with a final destination. (They would no longer be depending on any pilot in the distressed aircraft.). Reference: Actual Crash Document # 22, 43, 45

[0170] 24) *WHAT ABOUT IN-AIR REFUELING? CAN IT BE DONE WITH THE ANTI-CRASH SYSTEMS (ACS)?* In the case of refueling, we are setting up a safety device so that two things occur: 1) the two Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would link. These systems will make the adjustments and corrections to hold the aircraft parallel and equal with the in-flight fuel tanker 2: The aircraft would be brought into a designated safe distance for refueling. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 59

[0171] 25) *ANOTHER AIRCRAFT DOES NOT HAVE THE ANTI-CRASH SYSTEM (ACS) ONBOARD AND TRIES TO INTRUDE INTO THE SAME*

AIRSPACE (note: plane to plane) The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 identifies another aircraft through the radar controller. The system will implement the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30, this device sends a signal to the aircraft asking for identification. It also sends data giving the approximate location of the other craft to authorities on the ground. If this other aircraft becomes to close the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will maneuver away from the pushing aircraft, however, it will return to its designated course through the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40.

[0172] 26) *WHAT IF AN AIRCRAFT DOES NOT IDENTIFY ITSELF?* The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system through the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 sends data notifying the proper authorities of an unidentified aircraft in the area. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 7

[0173] 27) *WHAT KEEPS ANOTHER AIRCRAFT FROM FORCING THE AIRCRAFT TO AN UNWANTED AREA? (After it is on Autopilot)* In detection of another aircraft in the set airspace, the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 notifies the authorities by sending data. Information is coming in from the (radar, GPS, and tracking mechanisms, etc.) to the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20, it will then take all this information and

activate the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. This system will work in eluding any efforts in manipulating the aircraft off the assigned course. It will always rebound back to its pre-designated course.

[0174] 28) *WHAT STOPS AN AIRCRAFT FROM GETTING INTO ANOTHER AIRCRAFT'S JET-STREAM (Wake Turbulence)?* The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system will not allow this to happen. Using the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 and Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 perimeters of airspace are set up per aircraft. These perimeters are pre-determined for flight safety. Each aircraft upon entering this designated airspace would deviate away from each other, not allowing for either aircraft to become too close, disrupting the airflow beyond a reasonable tolerance. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 1, 85

[0175] 29) *WHAT IF THE AIRCRAFT NEEDS TO BE REROUTED TO ANOTHER AIRPORT?* In this instance the pilot would need to get confirmation to re-plot to an alternative destination. Upon the new course being correct and acceptable, contact with the authorities on the ground would have to implement the multiple-code process to finalize the adjusted course. Again, this is the three party code from three separate locations, to heighten air-flight security in the event of a

terrorist threat. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 52

[0176] *30) IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY THE AIRPLANE NEEDS TO RETURN TO THE AIRPORT* Not a problem as long as the plane stays within the perimeters plotted according to a return plan.

[0177] *31) A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT PLOTS A COURSE OVER FOREIGN AIRSPACE* The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 on the plane will simultaneously alert and identify its registration to proper authorities in both countries. This will allow both countries to have the important information for diplomatic affairs if necessary in solving the airspace situation peacefully. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 7, 75, 83

[0178] *32) AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS BECOMES A THREAT IN THE FUSELAGE AREA* A member of the crew has the accessibility to the silent alarm devices which are installed in several areas throughout the aircraft. These alarm devices will notify other members of the crew, including members in the flight deck (cockpit) area, alerting them of a potential problem occurring on the aircraft. At the same time, the alarm device initiates the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30. Now that the appropriate authorities are aware, they can view and analyze the events that

are taking place on the aircraft. This will enable them to determine the necessary actions to employ. Their choice might be to contact the Captain, giving him coded authority to change course if necessary, or, for them to implement other sections of the combined system. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 4, 16, 21

[0179] 33) *WE THINK NO ONE IS ALIVE ON THE AIRCRAFT; WE NEED TO BRING IT DOWN* Let's say a possible terrorist sets liquid or gas toxins in the airways of the aircraft; this has immobilized individuals. The Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would go in effect when the airplane is not being held into its flight perimeters. It would activate the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 to take over the controls; it will bring the aircraft back on course and hold the charted course. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 is also implemented at the same time. It sends video data from the flight deck (cockpit) area, informing the authorities no one is awake or has their faculties in order to fly the aircraft. These videos also are of the walkways in the fuselage area, allowing the authorities to be totally aware of the situation. The audio data sent has not detected any sound in this case. With the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 operating it gives the authorities on the ground

necessary data to determine what course they need to take. They have the option of applying the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. This allows them to retrieve the aircraft and bring it into an airfield. If necessary, they can divert it to a secured location.

[0180] *34) WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HACKING OR DEFLECTION DURING REMOTE PILOTING, WHEN THE SECONDARY AIRCRAFT CONTROLLER SYSTEM (SACS) IS IN EFFECT* The secondary aircraft that will be controlling the first aircraft has to be within a specified distance from the first aircraft. The two controllers of the systems must make a connection by using the codes and the security key. If they opt to make a course correction it must be accepted and verified by secured authorities.

[0181] Note: The (SAFE) 10 system allows for the use of a single party code for total override of the aircraft (remember now, the Anti-Crash portion of the (SAFE) system CANNOT be disabled). This code would come from the National Security Department (such as a presidential override). This single party code would be utilized in the event that there is a failure in activation of the other codes due to a hijacking.

[0182] A Single party code for total override of the aircraft for

Secondary Aircraft control in the event the other codes being deflected or not activating them because of a hijacker.

- [0183] This code would come from the National Security Department, such as a presidential override. This override code must be implemented from a secondary aircraft that is set at a designated distance.
- [0184] 35) *THERE IS AN ELECTRICAL POWER OUTAGE ONBOARD THE AIRCRAFT (Not applicable upon an engine failure)* In the event of an electrical power outage, the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE)10 system would not be effected since it would be wired through a separate breaker panel. The equipment is connected to the existing systems of the aircraft, so that it receives data from all of its components.
- [0185] When a circuit loop is broken, it cannot repair anything. It will, through the Monitor Device System (MDS) 30, send data to the ground telling them of a problem, providing critical flight information (i.e., longitude, latitude, etc.). The ground control can then "talk the pilot through", or allow them the option to use other parts of the system (Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 or Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. Any ques-

tions on what these systems are, please refer to Security Aircraft Flight Equipment System (SAFE) 10 document information Reference: Actual Crash Document # 57, 58

[0186] 36) *WHAT IF THE AIRCRAFT'S (SAFE) SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONS?* In any given system there lies the possibility of malfunction. Malfunction of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 does not affect the operation of the existing systems on the aircraft. With the equipment's design on any aircraft it operates independently from the aircraft system. To limit the loss of security due to any given malfunction, the system uses independently powered hardware. There is an equipment option to install a secondary (SAFE) system 10 in any given aircraft (see document information, subheading: *Backup System*). The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 is linked with the existing system to receive data in order to perform its own duties. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 and Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 are designed to notify proper authorities of any problem in any sectors. This again does not affect other portions of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system, because its units are independently connected to the system.

[0187] The aircraft's existing computers use various programs in

informing topographically where their location is in conjunction with the ground. Using these, the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system compares coordinates with the data from the plotting equipment before take-off. If a plotted course is going to cause a collision, an alarm will sound and a light will flash on the control panel indicating that this is an inappropriate course. The pilot will have to make the corrections in order for the aircraft engine and/or in some cases the turbines to power up.

[0188] 37) *WHAT HAPPENS IF AIRCRAFT LOSES AIR PRESSURE?* The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system would engage the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 which would be receiving data from the sensors of the aircraft. It will notify the pilot of a problem, as well as enlighten the proper authorities on the ground. Reference: Actual Crash Document # 17, 77

[0189] 38) *WHAT IF THE PILOT IS A TERRORIST?* During takeoff and flight, NO pilot can take the plane outside of the perimeters of a plotted course. The course can only be changed upon from the proper authorities on the ground. At this time then other security portions of the system would need to be implemented. Reference: Actual Crash Docu-

ment # 8, 9, 38, 39

[0190] 39) A PERSON TRIES TO CRASH THE AIRPLANE INTO A BUILDING, BRIDGE OR OTHER OBJECT. Using this scenario because of what occurred on September 11, 2001. The Structure Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 would be used. This system has two separate groups of fixed perimeters encompassing the structure; 1) set of perimeters marks an area for the program to send a warning signal to the pilot, letting him know that he is approaching into a no fly zone area and 2) set of perimeters marks an area for the program to send a signal to the aircraft's Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20. Upon receiving that signal the aircraft's Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 will immediately initiate the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40. In the event that the pilot or terrorist elect to ignore the warning and enter into the no fly zone area, the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 averts the aircraft outside of the protected air zone and brings it back on course. In order for an individual to take over the controls after the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 has been activated, there is a three-stage process to be completed. This three-stage process is 1) a commissioned pilot must enter his personal code, and thumb print. 2) he must receive

another code for entry, this is from the airline company security or designated authorities, and 3) there would yet be another security code that would need to be entered to give him control of the aircraft (could be from the offices of the FAA, FBI, or Airline security). In the event that the pilot does not receive or does not enter the last two codes, then the aircraft will continue on the plotted assigned course. At the end of the flight plan it will continue in a holding pattern until someone takes over the aircraft. This can be done either by entering the codes needed or by employing the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. The last system is also secured through multiple codes by multiple individuals. By implementing the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 it relinquishes the restrained aircraft to be piloted by remote control. This will allow landing of the aircraft at its designated airfield or divert it to a secured location. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 simultaneously will participate by informing all appropriate authorities. It will send vital information that allows them to make an educated and precise decision in this event. This essential information is through video, audio and additional data that identifies the aircraft. This contains the position of an aircraft,

as well as the status of the fuel levels, fuel line pressures, R.P.M., onboard controls, etc.

[0191] Note: Another object of the system is to allow proper authorities (such as, Police Dept., Fire Dept., local authorities) notice BEFORE an attempted disaster strikes. It basically will not allow the aircraft to hit a building, bridge or object, providing the structure has the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) on it. This can also be linked into an alarm system so that an evacuation process can be implemented; this is allocating precious moments in the event that there could be a possibility of other types of an attack.

[0192] LET'S CHANGE THE HISTORY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 BY USING THE SECURITY AIRCRAFT FLIGHT EQUIPMENT (SAFE) system. This example was taken from the September 11, 2001 event. On this day the aircraft that struck the twin towers did not have any form of Anti-Crash Device System (ACDS) 20 onboard, neither did the twin towers have any form of an alarm or anti warning device installed (ACDS). Now lets change the 2001 event. Before the crash there was a system installed on the building, the developed Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system. This is an Anti-Crash and early warning device; it warns of an

aircraft approaching the building's airspace. As the alarms sound of an air raid, this gives the occupants precious moments for evacuation (this is BEFORE the building is struck). As soon as the aircraft reaches the no fly zone area of the building, data is sent to authorities (fire departments, police departments and necessary officials) giving pertinent information.

- [0193] Let's add the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 to the aircraft as well. The warning devices in the building emit signals that broadcast distance and height perimeters to the aircraft Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20. With this information to the Anti-Crash System (ACS) 20 it will engage the Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 portion of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 to divert the aircraft from the twin towers airspace. Locking out the pilot's control of the aircraft, it will not allow the pilot to regain control for a suicide terrorist attack. The Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 would simultaneously activate and notify the necessary authorities (FAA/FBI). This notification is audio and video data from inside the aircraft and also vital information about the aircraft (location, registration, etc.). Since the pilot is a terrorist it is important for the authorities to take control of the air-

craft. Approval is given by entering a three party security code from independent locations, allowing control by remote access from a secured secondary aircraft. By implementing this system authorized individuals will be able to chart a new course if desired.

- [0194] Note: See the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 portion under the (SAFE) document information Reference: Actual Crash Document # 8, 9, 79
- [0195] *40) SOMEONE TAMPERS WITH A BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE'S SAFETY SYSTEM EQUIPMENT*The system is connected to a silent alarm unit, alerting authorities of the attempted efforts in tampering with the Buildings Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20. The Building Anti-Crash (ACS) 20 apparatus is connected to its own Monitoring Device System (MDS); this device will send video and audio data to the police in identifying the perpetrators.
- [0196] As the police respond to the incident the Safety Aircraft Flight Equipment's (SAFE)10 technician department will also be contacted to correct any damages that may have occurred to the system.
- [0197] Note: See the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 on structures portion under the (SAFE) document information.

[0198] 41) *THERE IS A POWER OUTAGE IN A BUILDING OR ON A BRIDGE, DUE TO ANY REASON INCLUDING SABOTAGE* The system remains fully operational in a power outage situation. It will be connected to the existing emergency power source. In the event that the building lacks an emergency power source the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 would be supplied with an emergency power backup. This Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 would be isolated in a secure location within the structure.

[0199] 42) *WHAT IF THE STRUCTURE SECURITY AIRCRAFT FLIGHT EQUIPMENT (SAFE) SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONS?* In any given system there lies the possibility of malfunction. Each unit of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 is independently wired to the building or structure. These two portions of the system: the Anti-Crash (ACS) 20 and Monitoring Device (MDS) 30 apparatus are connected through a complex marriage. Each of these units has a backup support system. Upon one of the portions malfunctioning, the backup system would activate still giving protection, also, notifying the building authorities and authorized service technicians of the malfunction.

[0200] Note: This will not affect any of the assisting alarms that

are wired into the structure for security or fire systems.

[0201] *43) WHAT IF SOMEONE DOES SUCCEED IN REMOVING ANY PART OF THE SECURITY AIRCRAFT FLIGHT EQUIPMENT (SAFE) SYSTEM?* On the ground, the system shuts down the aircraft, disabling it, just like if you take the computer from an automobile. The aircraft will need all facets of the computer to be active and functional to operate.

[0202] In the air, all sectors of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 computer components are not accessible. But to answer in the case that they ripped the aircraft apart in the air, the disabling of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 just would not affect the aircraft function to fly the aircraft manually.

[0203] Again in any of these instances the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 would give attention to the proper authorities.

[0204] *44) THE MONITORING DEVICES ARE TAMPERED WITH* The Monitoring Devices System (MDS) 30 are linked to the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 which is the brain of the operation. When any part of the system (devices, wiring, camera's or sensors) is altered or the power changes, the Anti-Crash Systems (ACS) 20 engages the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 and contacts the authorities. The

police and the security department will be notified through the silent alarm unit. In the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 all of the external components are individually connected through a complex marriage. When one is disrupted it does not affect the performance of the other portions of the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10.

- [0205] The FAA would be immediately contacted through the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 with video and data from the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 computer system. This would not affect the functionality of the other cameras or alarm buttons since they are individually wired.
- [0206] *45) SOMEONE DAMAGES OR DISABLES THE KEYPAD AND/OR THUMB SCAN UNIT* In the event that these input devices are damaged the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) 10 system automatically takes over. All the portions of this system start simultaneously. The Monitoring Device (MDS) 30 portion notifies ground personnel and/or authorities that tampering or damage to the aircraft has developed. Through this data they will be able to determine where the problem has occurred. Utilizing the video and monitoring (MDS) portion of this system they will be able to see who

is in control on the aircraft. The Auto Controlling and Piloting System (ACPS) 40 have also been implemented at this same time, so the aircraft is being kept on the designated course. This is allowing the authorities to put in action the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60 if necessary, or relinquish the controls of the aircraft to the Captain through a three party code process.

[0207] 46) *WHAT IF THE HIJACKER BREACHES SECURITY AND ACCESSES THE CODES?* The Anti-Crash (ACS) 20 portion of the system will never be unlocked. The Hijacker cannot take the aircraft on a course endangering the passengers. The hijacker also would not be able to stop the implementation of the Secondary Aircraft Controller System (SACS) 60. The authorities on the ground have the option to engage the Monitoring Device System (MDS) 30 "at will", collecting information from the aircraft (identification, location, etc.) as well as audio and video data from within the flight deck (cockpit) and fuselage.

[0208] Note: Administrative rights can be assigned in many different combinations, allowing for limited access in designated programs within the (SAFE) system 10

[0209] 47) *WHAT ABOUT CODES BEING HACKED?* This system is designed with checks and balances. We have put in for secu-

urity reasons a three party code arrangement and using three totally separate locations, as well as, different facets of the industry such as airline companies, FAA, FBI, etc. These codes use not only numbers but also letters and characters as well using an encrypted key on all systems. For the use of identity the key is on a short-term registration license. With the application of these encrypted key codes listed above, it also requires a live thumbprint.

- [0210] NOTE: Sensed body temperature or pulse scan.
- [0211] 48) *WHAT ABOUT COMPUTER HACKING?* The Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) system 10 is protected by using a concealed dongle key, as well as, encrypted pilot dongle or chip key that is used in connection with the thumb scan. Without the operation of both of these, the system will not allow the aircraft to fly.
- [0212] NOTE: The concealed dongle is the Security Aircraft Flight Equipment (SAFE) System 10 license key. The other dongle key is the pilot's personal key, also licensed. Even in the event of a lost or stolen pilot's key, the (SAFE) System 10 will not identify an improper user or pilot.
- [0213] Concealed dongle license key is located in a different location on the aircraft or structure and possible thumb scan programmed within key chip.

[0214] Proprietary master dongle key is for service technicians only. This will only allow them to service the equipment; it will not allow them to operate the aircraft.

[0215] 49) *WHAT ABOUT MAGNETIC DISTURBANCES?* The solid-state equipment, I.E., ROMS and PROMS, etc. chips are not affected by magnets.

[0216] *ACTUAL CRASH DOCUMENT*

[0217] 1. Date: 05/30/1972 Location: Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas
Airline: Delta Air Lines Aircraft: Douglas DC-9-14 Registration: N3305L Fatalities/No. Aboard: 4:4 Details: While practicing touch and go landing the aircraft crashed after getting caught in the wake turbulence of a DC-10.

[0218] 2. Date: 02/16/1998 Location: Taipei, Taiwan Airline: China Airlines Aircraft: Airbus A300-600R Registration: B-1814 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 196:196 +7 Details: The aircraft was attempting to land at Taipei's international airport in rain and fog when the crew requested a go-around. The plane crashed into a residential neighborhood, ripping the roofs off several structures, skidding into a rice paddy and bursting in flames. DFDR data showed complete autopilot disengagement just after landing clearance. This was followed by an attempted manually flown go-around with falling airspeed and a

pitch-up of 40 degrees followed by a gain of 1,000 feet in altitude, total stall and a dive resulting in impact with the ground.

[0219] 3. Date: 09/26/1997 Location: Buah Nabar, Indonesia Airline: Garuda Indonesia Airlines Aircraft: Airbus A300-200 B4 Registration: PK-GAI Fatalities/No. Aboard: 234:234 Details: The aircraft crashed into mountainous terrain 15 minutes before it was due to land at Medan on a flight from Jakarta. The aircraft crashed 20 miles from the airport. ATC error in directing the plane in the wrong direction into mountainous terrain that was obscured by smoke and haze due to forest fires in the area.

[0220] 4. 12/26/1994 Location: Algiers Airport, Algeria Airline: Air France Aircraft: Airbus A300-1C B2 Registration: F-GBEC Fatalities/No. Aboard: 7:170 Details: The aircraft was hijacked by terrorists. Seven passengers were killed when the plane was stormed. Hijackers killed 3 passengers.

[0221] 5. 04/26/1994 Location: Komaki, Aichi, Japan Airline: China Airlines Aircraft: Airbus A300-600R Registration: B-1816 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 264:271 Details: While on ILS approach to Nagoya Airport, at an altitude of 1,000 feet, the first officer inadvertently triggered the TOGA

(take-off-go-around) lever. The crew tried to override this situation by turning off the autothrottle and reducing air speed. The aircraft stalled, hit the runway tail first and burst into flames. The plane crashed because of an extreme out of trim configuration brought about by the fact that the tail plane setting had moved automatically and undetected to a maximum nose-up position. The plane climbed at a steep angle until it stalled. The crew could have saved the aircraft even in the final seconds had they reverted to basic flight procedures and switched off the autopilot

[0222] 6. Date: 09/28/1992 Location: Kathmandu, Nepal Airline: Pakistan International Airlines Aircraft: Airbus A300-200 B4 Registration: AP-BCP Fatalities/No. Aboard: 167:167 Details: The plane hit cloud covered high ground while attempting to land 9 miles short of the runway. The pilot began the descent too early and had miscalculated the aircraft's altitude. Failure of the crew to follow prescribed procedures.

[0223] 7. Date: 07/03/1988 Location: Persian Gulf Airline: Iran Air Aircraft: Airbus A300-200 B2 Registration: EP-IBU Fatalities/No. Aboard: 290:290 Details: Shot down by the U.S. Navy vessel U.S.S. Vincennes with a surface-to-air

missile. The Vincennes was protecting other U.S. ships in the area during hostilities. A misread radar indicating the plane was descending and the fact that the aircraft did not respond to challenges led to the firing of the missiles.

[0224] 8. Date: 09/11/2001 Location: New York City, New York
Airline: American Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 767-200ER
Registration: N334AA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 92:92
+1000s? Details: The aircraft was hijacked shortly after it left Logan International Airport in Boston and crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. The building subsequently collapsed. It was one of four planes hijacked by terrorists.

[0225] 9. Date: 09/11/2001 Location: Pentagon City, Virginia (Washington DC Metro Area) Airline: American Airlines
Aircraft: Boeing 757-200 Registration: N644AA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 64:64 +100s? Details: Shortly after taking off from Dulles International Airport, the aircraft was hijacked and flown into the side of the Pentagon building. It was one of four planes hijacked by terrorists.

[0226] 10. Date: 06/01/1999 Location: Little Rock, Arkansas Airline: American Airlines Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas Super MD-80 (MD-82) Registration: N215AA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 11:145 Details: The plane was on a flight from

Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas to Little Rock, Arkansas. While attempting to land at Little Rock Airport, the flight encountered heavy thunderstorms, rain and strong winds. The aircraft landed fast and hard, skidded off the end of the runway and struck a landing light tower, breaking into three parts and bursting into flames.

[0227] 11. Date: 12/20/1995 Location: Buga, Valle del Cauca, Colombia Airline: American Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 757-200 Registration: N651A Fatalities/No. Aboard: 160:164 Details: While on a flight from Miami, FL to Cali, Columbia the aircraft crashed into mountainous terrain 38 miles north of Cali while attempting to land. On approach, the crew were requested to report over Tuluá VOR which they already passed. This confused them and they decided to go direct to Rozo beacon. Entering the abbreviation "R", incorrectly steered the plane towards Bogota. More than a minute into the turn the crew steered manually toward Cali, but this now took them into the path of a mountain. Crew error. Lack of situational awareness, failure to adequately plan and execute the approach, failure to realize that the FMS had turned the aircraft toward mountains. Crew also neglected to retract the speed brakes after the ground proximity warning system alert. Lack of adequate

radar. Different Flight Management System naming convention from that published in navigational charts.

[0228] 12. Airline: Simmons Airlines (American Airlines/American Eagle) Aircraft: Aerospatial ATR-72-200 Registration: N401AM Fatalities/No. Aboard: 68:68 Details: The aircraft was in a holding pattern and was descending to a newly assigned altitude of 8,000 feet when it experienced an uncommanded roll and excursion and crashed during a rapid descent. Icing. The design of the rubber de-icing boot was insufficient to deal with icing on the wings. ATR's failed to completely disclose to operators and incorporate in the ATR 72 airplane flight manual, flightcrew operating manual and flightcrew training programs, adequate information concerning previously known effects of freezing precipitation on the stability and control characteristics, autopilot and related operational procedures when the ATR 72 was operated in such conditions. The French Directorate General Civil Aviation's inadequate oversight of the ATR 42 and 72 and its failure to take the necessary corrective action to ensure continued airworthiness in icing conditions

[0229] 13. Date: 10/31/1999 Location: Nantucket Island, Massachusetts Airline: EgyptAir Aircraft: Boeing 767-300ER

Registration: SU-GAP Fatalities/No. Aboard: 217:217 Details: The plane took off from JFK at 1:19 a.m. bound for Cairo, Egypt. Thirty-three minutes later, after attaining an altitude of 33,000 feet, it was observed on radar in an extremely rapid descent and crashed seconds later into the Atlantic Ocean, 60 miles southeast of Nantucket Island. The aircraft was named Thutmosis III. There are strong indications one of the co-pilots committed suicide.

[0230] 14. 12/19/1997 Location: Palembang, Indonesia Airline: SilkAir Aircraft: Boeing 737-300 Registration: 9V-TRF Fatalities/No. Aboard: 104:104 Details: The aircraft was on a flight from Jakarta to Singapore. The plane disappeared off radar screens and shortly after, crashed into the Musi River. The plane, almost brand-new, cruising in good weather and with an experienced crew suddenly left normal flight from 35,000 feet and crashed at a high rate of speed into the Sumatran jungle. The right wing and parts of the rudder separated from the aircraft before it crashed. The Indonesian National Transportation Committee found that there was insufficient evidence to find a cause for the accident. The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board strongly disagreed and stated the jet's cockpit voice recorder was intentionally disconnected and its

flight controls placed in a nose-down position most likely by the captain. While the U.S. NTSB stopped short of using the term suicide, its dissenting report made it clear it believed the crash was the result of actions by the captain.

[0231] 15. Date: 08/21/1994 Location: Agadir, Morocco Airline: Royal Air Maroc Aircraft: Aerospatiale ATR-42-300 Registration: CN-CDT Fatalities/No. Aboard: 44:44 Details: The aircraft entered a steep dive and crashed 10 minutes after takeoff from Agadir. The pilot was blamed for disconnecting the autopilot and deliberately causing the crash and committing suicide. This was challenged by the Moroccan Pilot's Union.

[0232] 16. Date: 03/01/1988 Location: Johannesburg, South Africa Airline: Commercial Airways Aircraft: Embraer EMB-110P1 Registration: ZS-LGP Fatalities/No. Aboard: 17:17 Details: The aircraft crashed and burned 8 miles from Jan Smuts Airport while attempting to land. Detonation of a bomb consisting of nitro-glycerin and ammonium nitrate. A mineworker who heavily insured himself was thought to have committed suicide.

[0233] 17. Date: 08/12/1985 Location: Mt. Osutaka, near Ueno Village, Japan Airline: Japan Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 747-SR46 Registration: JA8119 Fatalities/No. Aboard:

520:524 Details: The aircraft suffered an aft pressure bulkhead failure at 24,000 ft. after takeoff. The aircraft had severe control difficulties and eventually collided with a mountain. Improper repair of bulkhead by Boeing after a tail strike in 1978. Worst single plane disaster in aviation history. Kyu Sakamoto, 43, famous for his Japanese song "Sukiyaki" was killed in the accident. The Boeing official who had approved the repair committed suicide after the accident.

[0234] 18. Date: 12/15/1997 Location: Sharjah, United Arab Emirates Airline: Tajikistan Airlines Aircraft: Tupolev TU-154 Registration: EY-85281 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 85:86 Details: The aircraft crashed and burned while making an attempt to land. A number of errors by the crew resulted in the accident. Not maintaining the height indicated during the last contact with the ATC, not following instructions from the ATC, crew fatigue, and turbulence in the area contributed to the accident

[0235] 19. Date: 05/07/1981 Location: Rio de la Plata, Argentina Airline: Austral Lineas Aeras Aircraft: BAC One-Eleven 529FR Registration: LV-LOX Fatalities/No. Aboard: 31:31 Details: The aircraft crashed into a riverbed after two missed approaches and while in a holding pattern. Severe

turbulence and thunderstorms where occurring in area. Loss of control of the aircraft and impact with the water by an error of the pilot in assessing the meteorological conditions on crossing through a zone of extremely violent cumulonimbus clouds.

[0236] 20. Date: 10/27/1972 Location: Noiretable, Loire, France
Airline: Air Inter Aircraft: Vickers Viscount 724 Registration: F-BMCH Fatalities/No. Aboard: 60:68 Details: Crashed while landing in severe turbulence. Faulty indication by radio compass.

[0237] 21. Date: 07/23/1999 Location: Tokyo, Japan Airline: All Nippon Airways Aircraft: Boeing 747-400 Registration: Fatalities/No. Aboard: 1:517 Details: Two minutes after taking off Haneda Airport, a man carrying a knife forced a flight attendant to take him in the cockpit of the plane. A fan of computer flight-simulation games, he stated he just wanted to fly a real plane. After forcing the co-pilot out of the cockpit he ordered the captain to fly to a U.S. Air Force base in western Tokyo. When he refused, he stabbed the captain and seized the controls. After a sudden drop in altitude, the co-pilot and an off duty crewmember entered the cockpit and overpowered the hijacker. The plane landed safely but the captain died.

[0238] 22. Date of Accident: 23 November 1996 Airline: Ethiopian Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 767-260ER Location: Comoros Islands, Madagascar Registration: ET-AIZ Previous Registrations: N6009F Flight Number: 961 Fatalities: 125:175 MSN: 23916 Line Number: 187 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT9D-7R4E Year of Delivery: 1987 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed into the sea while attempting an emergency landing at Moroni after running out of fuel. Hijackers who had read on the safety card that the airplane had a range of "12 hours" demanded to be flown to Australia, and ignored repeated warnings from the pilots that the aircraft did not have enough fuel.

[0239] 23. Date: 10/02/1990 Location: Guangzhou, China Airline: Xiamen Airlines / China Southwest Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 737-200 / Boeing 757-200 Registration: B-2510 / B-2812 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 128:226 Details: Shortly after takeoff a hijacker entered the cockpit and demanded to be flown to Hong Kong. The captain circled for 30 minutes and landed at Guangzhou, hitting the runway hard, clipping a B-707 and crashing into a B-757. Eighty-two aboard the B-737 and 46 aboard the B-757 were killed.

[0240] 24. Date: 04/26/1994 Location: Komaki, Aichi, Japan Air-

line: China Airlines Aircraft: Airbus A300-600R Registration: B-1816 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 264:271 Details: While on ILS approach to Nagoya Airport, at an altitude of 1,000 feet, the first officer inadvertently triggered the TOGA (take-off-go-around) lever. The crew tried to override this situation by turning off the auto throttle and reducing air speed. The aircraft stalled, hit the runway tail first and burst into flames. The plane crashed because of an extreme out of trim configuration brought about by the fact that the tail plane setting had moved automatically and undetected to a maximum nose-up position. The plane climbed at a steep angle until it stalled. The crew could have saved the aircraft even in the final seconds had they reverted to basic flight procedures and switched off the autopilot.

[0241] 25. Date: 03/10/1989 Location: Dryden, Ontario, Canada
Airline: Air Ontario Aircraft: Fokker F-28 Fellowship 1000
Registration: C-FONF Fatalities/No. Aboard: 24:69 Details: While flying from Thunder Bay, Ontario to Winnipeg, Manitoba, the plane crashed on take-off from Dryden, Ontario. The aircraft failed to gain altitude, settled back down on the runway and then took off for a second time clipping the tops of trees, causing debris to clog the en-

gines leading to the plane crashing. The aircraft was being refueled with one engine running because of an unserviceable APU. Since no external power unit was available at the airport the engine could not be shut down and de-icing could not be performed. The captain's decision to take off in deteriorating weather conditions with an accumulation of snow and ice on the wings. Decision not to de-ice the plane before taking off. The failure of the Canadian air transport system in placing the crew in a situation where they did not have the resources to make a proper decision.

[0242] 26. Date: 07/03/2001 Location: Irkutsk, Russia Airline: Vladivostokavia Aircraft: Tupolev TU-154M Registration: RA-85845 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 145:145 Details: The aircraft crashed and exploded in flames in Siberian woodlands near the village of Burdakovka, about 21 miles from Irkutsk. The crash occurred as the plane was making its third land attempt at Irkutsk after abandoning two previous landing attempts. While flying at 2,800 ft., the aircraft suddenly made a 180 degree turn and plunged to the ground. The plane was scheduled to land at Irkutsk as an intermediate stop to refuel. Preliminary indications are that all three engine failed at once. This is the 59th worst

accident in civil aviation history.

[0243] 27. Date: 08/25/2000 Location: Hilo Bay, Hawaii Airline: Big Island Air Aircraft: Piper PA-31-350 Navajo Chieftain Registration: N923BA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 1:9 Details: The aircraft, on an around-the-island tour and with its right engine on fire, ditched into Hilo Bay while attempting an emergency landing at Hilo International Airport. Eight people escaped from the plane before it sank in 100 feet of water. One passenger was not able to exit the plane and drowned. Possible failure of the turbo unit on the right engine.

[0244] 28. Date: 08/12/2000 Location: Tshikapa, Congo Airline: Staer Air Aircraft: Antonov AN-26B Registration: Fatalities/No. Aboard: 27:27 Details: The plane was approaching Tshikapa and the pilot informed the tower that it was having difficulties with its landing gear. The tower told the pilot to do a low fly-by for an evaluation and then make an emergency landing but the pilot refused and attempted to return to Kinshasa. The plane crashed 40 miles north of Tshikapa.

[0245] 29. Date: 07/17/2000 Location: Patna, India Airline: Alliance Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 737-200 Advanced Registration: VT-EGD Fatalities/No. Aboard: 52:58 + 5 Details:

While attempting to land at Patna, the aircraft was too high and the crew attempted a go-around. During the second landing attempt the aircraft was again high, veered to left and lost altitude until it crashed into houses in the Gardanibagh district and burst into flames.

[0246] 30. Date: 04/19/2000 Location: Samal Island, Philippines
Airline: Air Philippines Aircraft: Boeing 737-200 Registration: RP-C3010 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 131:131 Details: The aircraft circled Davao airport in an attempt to land but crashed onto a coconut plantation on the mountainous Samal Island. The plane aborted a previous landing attempt because another plane was on the runway. Weather and visibility were good in the area but the landing attempt may have been hampered by low-lying clouds. The last message from the crew was that they were 7 miles from the airport on final approach. Nothing more was heard from the plane. The aircraft disintegrated upon impact near Mt. Kalangan. The elevation of the accident site was about 500 feet above sea level but the plane should have been at an altitude of 1,500 feet.

[0247] 31. Date: 01/31/2000 Location: Point Mugu, California
Airline: Alaska Airlines Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas MD-80 (MD-83) Registration: N963AS Fatalities/No. Aboard:

88:88 Details: The aircraft crashed into the Pacific Ocean south of Point Mugu while en route from Puerto Vallarta to San Francisco. Radio transmissions from the plane indicated the pilots were struggling with a jammed stabilizer for the last 11 minutes of the flight before nose-diving into the ocean. The crew was attempting to divert to LAX for an emergency landing when it crashed into the ocean.

[0248] 32. Date: 12/21/1999 Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala Airline: Cubana de Aviacon Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 Registration: F-GTDI (aircraft leased by French AOM) Fatalities/No. Aboard: 17:314 +9 Details: While attempting to land at La Aurora International Airport, the aircraft overshot the runway, rolled down an embankment and crashed into houses in the La Libertad section of the city. Witnesses say the plane was unable to stop after it began its landing too far down the runway.

[0249] 33. Date of Accident: 28 November 1979 Airline: Air New Zealand Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 Location: Mt. Erebus, Antarctica Registration: ZK-NZP Previous Registrations: None Flight Number: 901 Fatalities: 257:257 MSN: 46910 Line Number: 182 Engine Manufacturer: General Electric Engine Model: CF6-50C2 Year of Delivery: 1974 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed into Mt.

Erebus after dispatch inadvertently gave the flight crew the improper flight plan.

[0250] 34. Date of Accident: 28 January 2002 Airline: Transportes Aéreos Militares Ecuatorianos Aircraft: Boeing 727-134 Location: Cumbal Volcano, Colombia Registration: HC-BLF Previous Registrations: SE-DDB, RP-C1241, FAE692 Flight Number: 120 Fatalities: 92:92 MSN: 19692 Line Number: 498 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT8D-9A Year of Delivery: 1967 Accident Description: TAME flight 120 departed Quito at 10:03am on the first leg of its scheduled Quito-Tulcán-Cali (Colombia) flight. Radio contact with the aircraft was lost at 10:23am as it approached Tulcán. The aircraft crashed near the Colombian city of Ipiales, approximately 20 miles north of Tulcán, in a crater near the top of the 15,626ft Cumbal Volcano. The wreckage of the aircraft was found by aerial search some 24 hours after the initial disappearance of the plane. The weather in the heavily mountainous region was reported to be foggy around the time of the accident.

[0251] 35. Date of Accident: 08 October 2001 Airline: Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas MD-87 Location: Milan, Italy – Linate Airport Registration: SE-DMA Previous Registrations: Not Available Flight Number: 686

Fatalities: 118:118+4 MSN: 53009 Line Number: 1916 Engine Manufacturer: Not Available Engine Model: Not Available Year of Delivery: 1991 Accident Description: Scandinavian SK686, on a flight from Milan to Copenhagen, was cleared to taxi to Runway 36R for departure. At approximately the same time, a German Cessna Citation II business jet (D-IEVX), was cleared to taxi from the General Aviation ramp via taxiway Romeo 5. The Citation mistakenly entered taxiway Romeo 6, entered runway 36R, and at that point was impacted by SK686 which had been cleared for takeoff. Both aircraft broke up, skidded to the right of the active runway, and impacted an airport baggage hangar, which partially collapsed. Weather at the time of the accident was reported as "heavy fog" with a Runway 36R RVR (runway visual range) of 225 meters.

[0252] 36. Date of Accident: 30 January 2000 Airline: Kenya Airways Aircraft: Airbus A310-304 Location: Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Africa Registration: 5Y-BEN Previous Registrations: F-WWCK Flight Number: 431 Fatalities: 169:179 MSN: 416 Line Number: Not Available Engine Manufacturer: General Electric Engine Model: CF6-80C2A2 Year of Delivery: 1986 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from Abidjan. Numerous eye-

witnesses who saw the airplane takeoff reported that it failed to gain altitude and struck the water around a mile from the runway. 10 survivors were pulled from the water by rescue boats. The probable cause of the accident was determined to be 'the aerodynamic stall warning which falsely indicated that the plane had stalled moments after takeoff, and the Captain's failure to properly react to a false alarm. Contributing to the accident was the plane's takeoff at night over water.'

[0253] 37. Date of Accident: 06 August 1997 Airline: Korean Air Lines Aircraft: Boeing 747-3B5 Location: Agana, Guam Registration: HL7468 Previous Registrations: N6069D Flight Number: 801 Fatalities: 228:254 MSN: 22487 Line Number: 605 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT9D-7R4G2 Year of Delivery: 1984 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed while executing a non-precision localizer approach to runway 6R at Agana. The crew descended below the approach profile, and struck terrain approximately 3 miles short of the runway. The crew did not understand that the glideslope of the ILS system was out of service.

[0254] 38. Date of Accident: 19 December 1997 Airline: SilkAir Aircraft: Boeing 737-36N Location: Palembang, Indonesia

Registration: 9V-TRF Previous Registrations: None Flight Number: 185 Fatalities: 104:104 MSN: 028556 Line Number: 2851 Engine Manufacturer: CFM International Engine Model: CFM56-3B2 Year of Delivery: 1997 Accident Description: The aircraft abruptly entered a descent and crashed during cruise. The cockpit voice recorder was turned off during the descent. It is believed that the Captain committed suicide.

[0255] 39. Date of Accident: 12 November 1996 Airline: Saudi Arabian Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 747-168B Location: Chaki Dahdri, India Registration: HZ-AIH Previous Registrations: Not Available Flight Number: 763 Fatalities: 312:312 MSN: 22748 Line Number: 555 Engine Manufacturer: Rolls Royce Engine Model: RB211-524C2 Year of Delivery: 1982 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed after colliding with a Kazastan Airlines Ilyushin that had not maintained its assigned altitude. Error on the part of the Ilyushin crew. Deadliest mid-air collision in aviation history.

[0256] 40. Date of Accident: 31 July 1992 Airline: Thai Airways Aircraft: Airbus A310-304 Location: Kathmandu, Nepal Registration: HS-TID Previous Registrations: F-WWCE, C-FGWD Flight Number: 311 Fatalities: 113:113 MSN: 438

Line Number: Not Available Engine Manufacturer: General Electric Engine Model: CF6-80C2A2 Year of Delivery: 1987
Accident Description: After experiencing a flap problem while attempting to extend the flaps fully on a seven mile final, the crew requested a missed approach and it was approved. The radar at Kathmandu was inoperative due to maintenance work, and the aircraft turned toward the south toward rising terrain. The Captain ignored the ground proximity warning system thinking it was a false alarm. Crew error in not following the published missed approach procedure.

[0257] 41. Date of Accident: 27 August 1992 Airline: Aeroflot Aircraft: Tupolev TU-134A Location: Ivanovo, Russia Registration: SSSR-65058 Previous Registrations: Not Available Flight Number: 2808 Fatalities: 84:84 MSN: 49868
Line Number: Not Available Engine Manufacturer: Not Available Engine Model: Not Available Year of Delivery: Not Available Accident Description: The aircraft crashed short of the runway while executing an instrument approach. Pilot error.

[0258] 42. Date of Accident: 06 June 1992 Airline: COPA Aircraft: Boeing 737-204 Location: Tucuti, Panama Registration: HP-1205 Previous Registrations: N8985V, G-BGYL Flight

Number: 201 Fatalities: 47:47 MSN: 22059 Line Number: 743 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT8D-15 Year of Delivery: 1980 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed after malfunction in the artificial horizons. A wire from the gyroscopes to the instruments themselves had frayed, creating a short, and erroneous attitude indications. Flying VFR at night over woodland, the crew was unable to determine that aircraft's attitude, and the wings rolled past 90°bank. The plane then entered a steep dive and broke up at approximately 13,000 feet.

[0259] 43. Date of Accident: 25 January 1990 Airline: Avianca Aircraft: Boeing 707-321B Location: Cove Neck, New York Registration: HK-2016 Previous Registrations: N423PA Flight Number: 52 Fatalities: 73:158 MSN: 19276 Line Number: 592 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT3D-3B Year of Delivery: 1967 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed while in a holding pattern awaiting landing at New York's Kennedy Airport. After an unsuccessful approach in bad weather, the crew executed a missed approach and was put into holding. The First Officer declared 'minimum fuel' to ATC but never declared an emergency, which would have given the aircraft immediate clearance to land. Crew error.

[0260] 44. Date of Accident: 08 February 1989 Airline: Independent Air Aircraft: Boeing 707-331B Location: Santa Maria, Azores, Portugal Registration: N7231T Previous Registrations: N28727 Flight Number: 1851 Fatalities: 144:144 MSN: 19572 Line Number: 687 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT3D-3B (HK) Year of Delivery: 1968 Accident Description: The aircraft impacted terrain after being given an improper vector by air traffic control. ATC error.

[0261] 45. Date of Accident: 07 June 1989 Airline: Suriname Airways Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas DC-8-62 Location: Paramaribo, Surinam Registration: N1809E Previous Registrations: None Flight Number: 764 Fatalities: 176:187 MSN: 46107 Line Number: 498 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT3D Year of Delivery: 1969 Accident Description: The aircraft impacted trees after the crew descended below MDA in an attempt to make visual contact with the runway during their third approach. Crew fatigue, low fuel situation that necessitated landing immediately.

[0262] 46. Date of Accident: 16 August 1987 Airline: Northwest Airlines Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas MD-82 Location: Romulus, Michigan (Detroit Airport) Registration: N312RC

Previous Registrations: N1004F Flight Number: 255 Fatalities: 154:155 + 2 MSN: 48090 Line Number: 1040 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT8D-217 Year of Delivery: 1982 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed on takeoff from Detroit's Wayne County Airport. Examination of the Cockpit Voice Recorder revealed that, in a rush to depart, the crew never completed the Before Takeoff checklist. Among other items, the aircraft's slats and flaps were not configured for departure. The aircraft clipped several light posts, impacted the top of a rental car building, and came to rest inverted on the airport entrance roadway.

[0263] 47. Date of Accident: 07 December 1987 Airline: Pacific Southwest Airlines Aircraft: British Aerospace BAe-146 Location: San Luis Obispo, California Registration: N350PS Previous Registrations: Not Available Flight Number: 1771 Fatalities: 43:43 MSN: Not Available Line Number: Not Available Engine Manufacturer: Not Available Engine Model: Not Available Year of Delivery: Not Available Accident Description: US Air employee David Burke, recently fired for stealing money from a 'beer fund' kept by Flight Attendants, used his airport clearance to gain access to the aircraft, on which the US Air CEO was flying, without

going through a security checkpoint. Upon reaching cruise altitude, Burke dropped a hand-written note into the US Air CEO's lap reading 'It's kind of ironical, isn't it? I asked for leniency for my family, remember? Well, I got none, and now you'll get none.' Burke then proceeded to the cockpit with a loaded .44, shot both pilots, and put the aircraft into a steep dive from which it would never recover.

[0264] 48. Date of Accident: 13 July 1973 Airline: Delta Air Lines Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas DC-9-31 Location: Boston, Massachusetts, USA Registration: N975NE Previous Registrations: None Flight Number: 723 Fatalities: 89:89 MSN: 47075 Line Number: 166 Engine Manufacturer: Pratt & Whitney Engine Model: JT8D Year of Delivery: 1967 Accident Description: The aircraft crashed into a seawall while attempting the ILS 15L approach at Logan International Airport. Air Traffic Control was faulted for vectoring the airplane to only a 4-mile final for the approach, and the crew was faulted for continuing the approach with insufficient time to stabilize the aircraft on final.

[0265] 49. Date of Accident: 06 October 1955 Airline: United Airlines Aircraft: Douglas DC-4 Location: Centennial, Wyoming, USA Registration: N30062 Previous Registrations:

tions: Not Available Flight Number: 409 Fatalities: 66:66
MSN: 18389 Line Number: Not Available Engine Manufacturer: Not Available Engine Model: Not Available Year of Delivery: Not Available Accident Description: The aircraft crashed after the pilots became incapacitated from carbon monoxide leaking from a faulty cabin heater.

[0266] 50. Date of Accident: 30 June 1956 Airline: United Airlines Aircraft: Douglas DC-7 Location: Grand Canyon, Arizona, USA Registration: N6902C Previous Registrations: Not Available Flight Number: 718 Fatalities: 58:58 MSN: 44288 Line Number: Not Available Engine Manufacturer: Not Available Engine Model: Not Available Year of Delivery: Not Available Accident Description: The aircraft, on a flight from Los Angeles to Chicago, collided with a TWA Lockheed Super Connie over the Grand Canyon in VFR conditions. Inability for both pilots to see the other aircraft in uncontrolled airspace under VFR was cited as the primary cause of the accident.

[0267] 51. Date of Accident: 05 March 2000 Airline: Southwest Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 737-3T5 Location: Burbank, California, USA Registration: N668SW Previous Registrations: G-BLKB, N753MA Flight Number: 1455 Fatalities: 0:142 MSN: 23060 Line Number: 1069 Engine Manufacturer:

CFM International Engine Model: CFM56-3B1 Year of Delivery: 1985 Accident Description: Arriving in Burbank on a flight from Las Vegas, NV, the crew contacted SOCAL Approach and were told to expect the visual approach to runway 8 at BUR. Approximately 10 miles from the field, while descending to 3000 feet, the crew was instructed to maintain 230 knots until further advised. One minute later, the crew was cleared for the visual approach to runway 8, with an instruction to maintain 3,000 feet until passing the Van Nuys VOR (approx 6nm from the runway). For unknown reasons, the flight crew passed the VOR and failed to start their descent from 3000 feet. 3.9nm from the runway threshold, at an airspeed of 230 knots and an altitude of 3000 feet, the crew began their descent to land. Due to the steep nature of the descent (nearly 7°), the crew received two "sink rate" warnings at approximately 400' AGL, and a "pull up" warning at 190' AGL. The aircraft touched down 2800' down the 6032' runway with a groundspeed of 181 knots. Despite using max reverse thrust, spoilers, and brakes, the crew was unable to stop the aircraft before the end of the runway. The plane broke through a blast fence at approximately 40 knots, skidded across Hollywood Way, and came to rest 38' from a

Chevron gasoline station. The aircraft was evacuated via the escape slides.

[0268] 52. Date: 03/27/1977 Time: 17:07 Location: Tenerife, Canary Islands Airline: Pan American World Airways / KLM Flight #: 1736/4805 AC Type: Boeing B-747-121 / Boeing B-747-206B Registration: N736PA/PH-BUF cn/ln: 19643 / 20400 Aboard: 644 Fatalities: 583 Ground: 0 Details: Both aircraft were diverted to Tenerife because of a bombing at Las Palmas Airport. After an extended delay, both planes were instructed to back track up the runway. The KLM plane reached its takeoff point while the Pan Am plane was still on the runway. The Pan Am plane continued up the runway missing the taxiway turnout. There was heavy fog on the runway. The KLM plane began its takeoff roll without permission with the Pan Am plane still on the runway. The KLM plane hit the Pan Am plane just as it was taking off. Both planes burst into flames. This was the worst death toll in aviation history. KLM 234 + 14 crew, Pan Am 326 + 9 crew killed. The Pan Am aircraft was named Victor.

[0269] 53. Date: 10/08/2001 Location: Milan, Italy Airline: Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas MD-80 (MD-87) Registration: SE-DMA Fatalities/No.

Aboard: 114:114 +4 Details: The aircraft was taking off from Linate Airport in fog and poor visibility when it struck a German Cessna Citation II business jet . The MD-87 then swerved off the runway and collided with the airport's baggage handling building, bursting into flames. The Cessna, which was about to take off for Paris, entered the active runway by mistake, after having been told by the tower to enter a different runway. One hundred four passengers and 6 crew killed on the MD-87, 2 passengers and 2 crew killed on the Citation and 4 killed on the ground.

[0270] 54. Date: 10/31/2000 Location: Taipei, Taiwan Airline: Singapore Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 747-400 Registration: 9V-SPK Fatalities/No. Aboard: 83:179 Details: The aircraft began its takeoff roll in heavy rain and high winds. The pilot mistakenly tried to take off on a closed runway and the aircraft struck construction equipment, broke in three and burst into flames. The pilot missed some key warnings, including a routine preflight briefing report that warned of the hazard on the runway under construction and two signs indicating the number of the runway he mistakenly went down

[0271] 55. Date: 11/22/1994 Location: Bridgeton, Missouri Air-

line: TWA Trans World Airlines / Private Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas Super MD-80 (MD-82) / Cessna 441 Registration: N954U / N411KM Fatalities/No. Aboard: 2:142

Details: During its takeoff roll, the DC-9 collided with the Cessna, which was waiting for clearance to take off. The ground collision took place in the fog. The Cessna pilot mistakenly thought he had clearance to enter the runway. Two aboard the Cessna were killed, none were killed aboard the DC-9.

[0272] 56. Date: 11-21-1990 Location: Koh Samui, Thailand Airline: Bangkok Airways Aircraft: de Havilland Canada Dash 8-103 Registration: OB-1358 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 38:38

Details: After receiving a runway change, the crew executed a missed approach. They became confused on which way to go. They entered an area of clouds and heavy rain, became disoriented and descended in a left wing down attitude until they impacted the ground at a coconut plantation. The pilots experienced spatial disorientation which resulted in improper control of the aircraft. Numerous procedural errors and poor cockpit discipline by the crew.

[0273] 57. Date: 01/30/1975 Location: Istanbul, Turkey Airline: THY Turkish Airlines Aircraft: Fokker F-28 Fellowship

1000 Registration: TC-JAP Fatalities/No. Aboard: 42:42

Details: After an electrical failure at the airport the aircraft initiated a go-around. Because another aircraft was about to take-off, an extended downwind leg was flown. The aircraft crashed into the Sea of Marmara while in the process of making the second approach.

[0274] 58. Date: 10/13/1973 Location: Domodedovo, Russia, USSR Airline: Aeroflot Aircraft: Tupolev TU-104B Registration: SSSR-42486 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 119:119 Details: After making a right turn, the aircraft plunged to earth from 1,500 ft. Electrical failure of compass and main gyro.

[0275] 59. Broken Arrow On January 17, 1966, an SAC B-52 had a mid-air collision with a KC-135 tanker while refueling over Palomares, Spain. The B-52 was carrying four thermonuclear B28 bombs. The bomber had begun the mission at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina. The KC-135 had come from the Moron Air Base, Spain. All four KC-135 crew members were killed, while four of the seven B-52 crew parachuted to safety. President Lyndon Johnson, the Department of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Spanish Government received news of the nuclear accident. Nuclear safety teams were dispatched immediately. Within hours, the 16th Air Force had located the

three B28 bombs that landed on the shore. However, the fourth bomb was missing; it was not found for 80 days. High explosives in two bombs had detonated on impact. Plutonium dust had spread over several hundred acres. One reassuring fact emerged from this incident: inherent safety features designed and built by Atomic Energy Commission contractors ensured that no nuclear explosion occurred.

[0276] 60. Date: 11/07/1996 Location: Lagos, Nigeria Airline: Aviation Development Corporation Aircraft: Boeing 727-200 Registration: 5N-BBF Fatalities/No. Aboard: 143:143 Details: The plane crashed mid-way along its scheduled 50 minute route. The aircraft went into a roll and lost control after taking evasive action to avoid another aircraft. The plane was flying almost at the speed of sound when it crashed and disintegrated. ATC error.

[0277] 61. Date: 02/01/1991 Location: Los Angeles, California Airline: USAir / Skywest Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 737-300 / Swearingen SA-27AC Registration: N388US / N683AV Fatalities/No. Aboard: 34:99 Details: The Skywest Metro-liner was told to taxi into position for takeoff and hold. The ATC became preoccupied with another aircraft that departed the tower frequency. A Wings West aircraft re-

porting "ready for takeoff", caused some confusion because the controller didn't have a flight progress strip in front of her. The strip appeared to have been misfiled at the clearance delivery position. The USAir, which was cleared to land, landed on top of the Metroliner. After the collision, both planes slid off the runway into an unoccupied fire station and burst into flames. The failure of the Los Angeles Air Traffic Facility Management to implement procedures that provided redundancy comparable to the requirements contained in the National Operational Position Standards and the failure of the FAA ATS to provide adequate policy direction and oversight to its ATC facility managers. These failures created an environment in the Los Angeles ATC tower that ultimately led to the failure of the controller to maintain awareness of the traffic situation, culminating in the inappropriate clearances and the subsequent collision of the USAir and SkyWest aircraft.

Twenty-two killed aboard the USAir, 12 aboard the Metroliner

[0278] 62. Date: 09/25/1978 Location: San Diego, California Airline: Pacific Southwest Airlines / Private Aircraft: Boeing 727-200 / Cessna 172 Registration: N533PS / N7711G Fatalities/No. Aboard: 137:137 +7 Details: Midair colli-

sion. The PSA was descending and about to land at Lindbergh Field. The Cessna was climbing while engaged in practice approaches. The 727 overtook and struck the Cessna from the rear. The primary cause was the PSA crew lost sight of the Cessna and did not make that fact known to the ATC. The ATC failed to realize from the PSA transmissions that they lost sight of the Cessna. One hundred thirty-five killed on the PSA, two on the Cessna seven on the ground. Crew fatigue may have played a part in the accident as there are unofficial reports that the crew attended an all night party and had only 2 hours sleep from the night before.

[0279] 63. Date: 09/10/1976 Location: Gaj, Hrvatska, Yugoslavia
Airline: Inex Adria Aviopromet / BAA British Airways Aircraft: Douglas DC-9-31 / BAe Trident 3B Registration: YU-AJR / G-AWZT Fatalities/No. Aboard: 176:176 Details: Midair collision. ATC error, negligence in operations. Improper look-out duties on both aircraft. One hundred thirteen deaths on the DC-9, 63 on the Trident. The entire shift of controllers were arrested. One was found guilty of criminal negligence and sentenced to seven years in jail but release after a little over two years.

[0280] 64. Date: 09/09/1976 Location: Adler, Russia, USSR Air-

line: Aeroflot / Aeroflot Aircraft: Antonov AN-24 / Yakovlev Yak-40 Registration: SSSR-46518 / SSSR-87772 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 90:90 Details: Midair collision at FL187. ATC error. Fifty-two deaths on the Antonov, 38 on the Yak. Violation of separation rules. Contributing causes were insufficient visual alertness on the part of both crews and a lack of 'situation analysis' based on air/ground radio communications.

[0281] 65. Date: 10/31/2000 Location: Taipei, Taiwan Airline: Singapore Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 747-400 Registration: 9V-SPK Fatalities/No. Aboard: 83:179 Details: The aircraft began its takeoff roll in heavy rain and high winds. The pilot mistakenly tried to take off on a closed runway and the aircraft struck construction equipment, broke in three and burst into flames. The pilot missed some key warnings, including a routine preflight briefing report that warned of the hazard on the runway under construction and two signs indicating the number of the runway he mistakenly went down.

[0282] 66. Date: 07/25/2000 Location: Gonesse, France Airline: Air France Aircraft: Aerospatiale BAe Concorde 101 Registration: F-BTSC Fatalities/No. Aboard: 109:109 +5 Details: The aircraft struggled to gain altitude after taking off from

Charles de Gaulle airport. The pilot reported the No. 2 engine failed and struggled to steer towards Le Bourget airfield as smoke and fire trailed the jet's left wing. The plane was unable to gain altitude, went nose high, stalled and crashed into a small hotel complex. Preliminary indications are a metal strip left on the runway by another plane gashed one of the Concorde's tires which blew out damaging a fuel tank and causing a leak. Leaking fuel ignited and started an uncontrollable fire. Power was lost to the No. 1 and No. 2 engines which led to loss of control of the aircraft and subsequent crash. This is the first crash of a Concorde in aviation history.

[0283] 67. Date: 12/21/1999 Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala Airline: Cubana de Aviacon Aircraft: McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 Registration: F-GTDI (aircraft leased by French AOM) Fatalities/No. Aboard: 17:314 +9 Details: While attempting to land at La Aurora International Airport, the aircraft overshot the runway, rolled down an embankment and crashed into houses in the La Libertad section of the city. Witnesses say the plane was unable to stop after it began its landing too far down the runway.

[0284] 68. Date: 04/20/1998 Location: Bogota, Colombia Airline: Air France (operated by TAME) Aircraft: Boeing 727-200

Registration: HC-BSU Fatalities/No. Aboard: 53:53 Details: The aircraft crashed atop fog covered Cerro el Cable mountain and exploded into flames, three minutes after taking off from Bogota's El Dorado airport, en route to Quito. The aircraft was leased to Air France by TAME airlines. The crew did not turn in the proper direction after reaching the Romeo non-directional beacon even though the flight crew acknowledged an air traffic controller's warning that they were off course.

[0285] 69. Date: 10/02/1996 Location: Pasamayo, Peru Airline: Aeroperu Aircraft: Boeing 757-200 Registration: N52AW Fatalities/No. Aboard: 70:70 Details: The aircraft crashed into the ocean 28 minutes after taking off from Lima, Peru. Pieces of adhesive tape were found covering the static ports, placed there by personnel during aircraft maintenance and cleaning, causing the malfunction of the airspeed indicators and altimeters. The crew was not able to correctly determine their altitude and airspeed and with no ground reference over water and at night, crashed into the ocean. An employee did not remove the adhesive tape from the static ports, nor was it detected by any number of people, including the captain, during the preflight inspection. A maintenance worker was tried and convicted of

negligent homicide for failing to remove the adhesive tape and received 2 years in jail.

[0286] 70. Date: 05/24/1995 Location: Harewood, S Yorks, England Airline: Knight Air Aircraft: Embraer EMB-110P1 Bandeirante Registration: G-OEAA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 12:12 Details: The crew had serious problems maintaining their heading after both artificial horizons failed shortly after takeoff. The crew had difficulty controlling the aircraft in turbulence conditions and the plane went into a spiral dive and crashed into a field. One or possibly both of the aircraft's artificial horizons malfunctioned and in the absence of a standby horizon, for which there was no airworthiness requirement, there was no single instrument available for assured attitude reference or simple means of determining which flight instruments had failed. The pilot became spatially disoriented and was unable to maintain control.

[0287] 71. Date: 05/19/1993 Location: Medellin, Colombia Airline: SAM (Columbia) Aircraft: Boeing 727 Registration: HK-2422X Fatalities/No. Aboard: 132:132 Details: The plane hit Mt. Paramo Frontino at 12,300 ft. while on approach to Maria Cordova Airport. Errors by the crew and the ATC. The aircraft descended into mountainous terrain

before actually reaching the Abejorral NDB Beacon. The VOR/DME had been sabotaged by terrorists and not in service.

- [0288] 72. Date: 11/24/2001 Location: Birchwil, Switzerland Airline: Crossair Aircraft: BAE Avro RJ100 Registration: HB-IXM Fatalities/No. Aboard: 24:33 Details: The aircraft was flying through a mix of rain and snow on final approach, when it crashed in a wooded area, 5.5 miles from Zurich Airport where it was scheduled to land on Runway 28.
- [0289] 73. Date: 11/19/2001 Location: Kalyazin, Russia Airline: Charter – IRS Aero Aircraft: Illyushin Il-18 Registration: RA-75840 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 27:27 Details: Residents heard a loud noise and saw flames in the night sky as the aircraft clipped treetops and summer homes before crashing into a snowy forest. Wreckage was spread over a 1.5 mile area
- [0290] 74. Date: 10/10/2001 Location: Dillingham, Alaska Airline: PenAir Aircraft: Cessna 208 Caravan Registration: N9530F Fatalities/No. Aboard: 9:10 Details: Shortly after taking off from Dillingham, the aircraft's wing dipped, the nose pitched up, the plane became inverted and crashed to the ground. The weather was clear and windy at the time of the accident.

[0291] 75. Date: 10/04/2001 Location: Sochi, Russia Airline: Sibir Airlines Aircraft: Tupolev TU-154M Registration: RA-85693 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 76:76 Details: The aircraft exploded in mid-air at 36,000 ft. while en route over the Black Sea. The plane then nose-dived crashing into the water. It is believed the airliner was brought down accidentally by a Ukrainian surface-to-air missile, fired during military exercises.

[0292] 76. Date: 09/18/2001 Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala Airline: Atlantic Airlines Aircraft: LET 410UVP-E Registration: TG-CPE Fatalities/No. Aboard: 8:13 Details: The aircraft was taking off from Guatemala's Aurora Airport when it lost power in one of its engines and crashed back to the ground.

[0293] 77. Date: 09/15/2001 Location: Belo Horizonte, Brazil Airline: TAM Aircraft: Fokker F-28-100 Registration: PT-MRN Fatalities/No. Aboard: 1:82 Details: While the aircraft was over Belo Horizonte, the cabin depressurized, causing the death of one passenger. The aircraft made an emergency landing at Cofins. Three of the other 77 passengers aboard suffered minor injuries. Pressurization was lost at an altitude of 33,000 feet when the right engine disintegrated, causing pieces of the engine to break two cabin

windows

[0294] 78. Date: 09/12/2001 Location: Chichen Itza, Mexico Airline: Aero Ferinco Charter Aircraft: LET 410UVP Registration: XA-ACM Fatalities/No. Aboard: 19:19 Details: The aircraft crashed 4.4 miles from Kura Airport shortly after a normal takeoff. The plane was flying at about 1,500 feet when it began turning onto a course requested by the air traffic controller. It did not stop turning and suddenly plunged to the ground. All the passengers killed were Americans from the Cruise ship Massdam who had just finished visiting the Myan ruins at Chichen Itza.

[0295] 79. Date: 09/11/2001 Location: New York City, New York Airline: United Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 767-200 Registration: N612UA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 65:65 +1000s? Details: The aircraft was hijacked shortly after it left Logan International Airport in Boston and crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. The building subsequently collapsed. It was one of four planes hijacked by terrorists.

[0296] 80. Date: 09/11/2001 Location: Buckstown, Pennsylvania Airline: United Airlines Aircraft: Boeing 757-200 Registration: N591UA Fatalities/No. Aboard: 45:45 Details: The aircraft was hijacked shortly after taking off from Newark

International Airport. It changed direction began heading towards Washington when it crashed at a high rate of speed into a field in the Pennsylvania countryside. It was one of four planes hijacked by terrorists.

[0297] 81. Date: 12/20/1972 Location: Chicago, Illinois Airline: Delta Air Lines / North Central Airlines Aircraft: Convair 880 / Douglas DC-9-31 Registration: N8897E / N954N Fatalities/No. Aboard: 10:133 Details: The Delta Convair taxing across Runway 27L in heavy fog, was hit by the North Central DC-9 as it took off. The DC-9 came crashing back down on the runway and caught fire. Ten people (all passengers) out of a total of 45 aboard the DC-9 were killed. None of the 88 aboard the Convair were killed. Failure of the ATC to ensure aircraft separation during restricted visibility.

[0298] 82. INCIDENT January 25, 2002 03:00 A China Airlines Airbus A-340, Flight 011, carrying 254 passengers and crew members narrowly avoided catastrophe early Friday when pilots took off in the wrong direction and on taxiway kilo instead of Runway 32 at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. The plane came so close to running out of taxiway that its landing gear clipped a snow berm at the pavement's end before it gained altitude over Cook

Inlet and flew on to Taipei. The incident is under investigation by the NTSB.

[0299] 83. Date: 09/01/1983 Time: c 06:30 Location: Near Sakhalin Island, Russia Airline: Korean Airlines Flight #: 007AC Type: Boeing B-747-230B Registration: HL-7442cn/ln: 20599 Aboard: 269 Fatalities: 269 Ground: 0 Details: On a flight from Alaska to South Korea, the airliner drifted off course and twice penetrated Soviet airspace. During the second penetration, the airliner was shot down by a Russian Su-15 Air Force fighter with air-to-air missiles. The aircraft crashed into international waters in the Sea of Japan. U.S. Representative from Georgia Lawrence McDonald killed.

[0300] 84. Date: 08/10/1994 Location: Cheju, South Korea Airline: Korean Airlines Aircraft: Airbus A300-600R B4 Registration: HL-7296 Fatalities/No. Aboard: 0:160 Details: The aircraft overran the runway and caught fire while landing during adverse weather conditions. The approach was flown with slats/flaps at 15/20 degrees due to suspected windshear. Crew error. There was a struggle and argument between the captain and copilot during the last seconds of the landing as to whether they should go-around

[0301] 85. Location: Chardzhow, Russia, USSR. Airline: Aeroflot.

Aircraft: Yakovlev YAK-40. Registration: SSSR-78390. Fatalities/No. Aboard: 59:59. Details: The plane crashed after entering the wake turbulence of a helicopter.